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TWEETING TWITS

Smart phones dumb down drivers as one in five check their email from behind the wheel of a car

By **JON COATES**

AN INCREASING number of thoughtless motorists updating their Facebook and Twitter pages while behind the wheel will bring tragic consequences, road safety campaigners have warned.

Dozens of people have been killed and seriously injured on roads in Kent during the last year by motorists being distracted by sending text messages or making calls on hand-held phones.

Now there is to be a new crackdown across Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks in a bid to stop this dangerous new craze before it's too late.

Campaigners fear the worrying trend of drivers updating their Facebook sites or sending out messages, or tweets, through Twitter will cause deaths if not stopped.

A recent study by the RAC found that one in five drivers admitted accessing email, Facebook and Twitter while at the wheel.

Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership has been shocked by this, so it carried out its own research by analysing messages posted on micro-blogging site Twitter during a week – discovering a number of cases of people using the site while on the road.

Katherine Barrett, of the safety camera partnership, said: "More and more people are using smart phone technology, so it's not just ringing and texting that people are using phones for – the RAC report said that 21 per cent admitted to accessing email, Facebook and Twitter while driving.

"Clearly drivers do not think they will get caught, but that kind of attitude can lead to tragic and even fatal consequences.

"Using a mobile phone while driving is sheer madness."

In response to this the safety partnership has launched a crackdown on drivers using mobile phones at the wheel.

Warning boards are going up at fixed yellow safety camera sites across west Kent this month to remind drivers that safety camera vans will be enforcing mobile phone and seat belt laws as well as speed limits.

A recent survey of 1,000 people in Kent, which was carried out for the partnership, showed that 35 per cent of those polled did not know the camera vans have these powers.

Tunbridge Wells has six fixed safety cameras and four safety camera van sites, Tonbridge and Malling has three fixed safety cameras and three safety camera van sites, while Sevenoaks has one fixed safety camera and seven safety camera van sites.

The RAC study also revealed that the number of drivers admitting to breaking the law by using a hand-held mobile phone had more than trebled in the last year.

Katherine Barrett, from Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership, said: "The penalty for not wearing a seat belt is a £60 fine and for being caught using a mobile phone while driving is a £60 fine and three penalty points on your licence, but the consequences of a crash can be much more devastating.

"In the last year there have been at least 46

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Our astronaut is grounded

THE shooting in Arizona which killed six people and injured 13 – among them a leading US politician, has forced an astronaut who grew up in Kent to shelve a trip to his old school.

NASA spaceman Piers Sellers – who lived in Crowborough and attended Cranbrook School – was due to visit next week, but the incident in the States has forced him to reschedule for March.

FULL STORY – SEE INSIDE

New leader will take the helm as soon as possible

THE new leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council will be officially elected on Wednesday – less than a week after Tory members voted on who they want to lead the local ruling party.

An extraordinary general meeting of the full council will meet this week to elect the leader of the local authority and for cabinet appointments to be confirmed.

It follows Thursday night's meeting of the local Conservative group during which three candidates were bidding to lead the party forward in the borough.

The results, which came through after this newspaper went to press, but are available on our website www.yourtunbridgewells.co.uk, will determine the political future of Roy Bullock, pictured.

Having been the subject of a vote of no confidence from his party colleagues, he lined up alongside Bob Atwood and John Cunningham in the bid to win the backing of the party faithful. Although Cllr Bullock must be seen as a long shot to win given his recent rejection, he remained bullishly confident going into Thursday's vote.

"When a ship hits turbulent waters, a lot of people will contend you do not change the captain for an unknown second or third mate, you put you trust in the experienced captain to chart your way to calmer waters," he said.

Meanwhile, Cllr Atwood, who is a fairly new member on the council, believes he is in the best position to re-unify the authority.

• ***Full details of the results and reaction will be in next weekend's paper.***

Petting farm may have to pay out millions in compensation

Justice for E.coli children

By **CHRIS BRITCHER**
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YOUNG twins who suffered acute kidney failure in the biggest outbreak of E.coli on an open farm in the UK, stand to be paid a big cash settlement after the farm confirmed it would not contest liability.

Aaron and Todd Furnell, from Paddock Wood, were aged just two when they visited a petting farm in Surrey.

While at Godstone Farm they both caught a dangerous strain of E.coli which caused them to suffer acute kidney failure. It lead to a lengthy spell in hospital and may lead to long term medical problems.

Last year, their parents launched a legal bid for compensation in a group action involving more than 20 other children from those affected.

And this week lawyers representing the family said the farm will "not contest" liability for personal injury and consequential loss. Which means it could now be faced with paying out millions in compensation.

A total of 93 people – 76 of them children under 10 – became ill after the outbreak in August, 2009. The farm shut four weeks after the first case.

Among those made ill were two-year-old twins Aaron and Todd Furnell from Paddock Wood – now aged three.

They both suffered acute kidney failure and spent weeks in hospital.

NATURALLY OCCURRING: The strain of E.coli is harmful to humans when ingested

The law firm says medical evidence gathered so far suggests that some of the children are at risk of renal failure, which could lead to dialysis and the need for kidney transplants in future years.

The twins' mother, Tracy Mock, said: "I am very pleased that we have been successful in this case. As a family we have suffered significant pain and distress and may still not know for many years the long-term consequences for the twins' health.

"In light of the farm's decision, we can take comfort in the fact that Todd, Aaron and the other children will have the financial support they need to deal with their current health problems and any that arise later in their lives."

Legal proceedings were launched in June 2010 by law firm Field Fisher Waterhouse on behalf of the twins, and representing some 27 children in total.

The farm initially defended the claim, despite the publication of the Health Protection Agency's report, The Griffin Inquiry, into the outbreak, which found there were numerous failings in the way in which the farm handled the outbreak and in its appreciation of the risk associated with E.coli 0157.

Confirmation by Godstone Farm that it will not be disputing the claim applies to all of the children represented in the group action. The level of financial support awarded to the families involved will be decided at a later hearing.

It is understood that the farm intends to pursue a claim for indemnity/contribution against Tandridge District Council and the Health Protection Agency.

According to the legal firm, one of the main arguments against the farm centred on the fact small children visiting the farm were allowed to enter the pens, so putting them into direct contact with animal faeces.

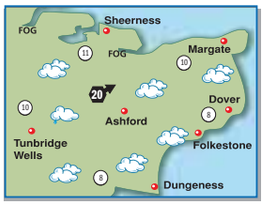
Owner of the farm, Jackie Flaherty, said: "All issues surrounding the E.coli outbreak in 2009 are being handled by the farm's insurers, so I cannot comment further on the legal aspects. However, in the last 15 months the children involved have never been far from our thoughts and prayers, particularly those who spent time in hospital."

E.coli 0157 is a particularly dangerous strain and can cause serious illness, including renal failure and death in children under five and the elderly. It is specifically carried in farm animals and was only discovered in 1975.

It is a relatively new strain of bacteria and is distinct from the E.coli that we all carry.

It has to be ingested by humans and is carried in the gut of animals and consequently their faeces. It does not cause illness in animals.

Weather



Today

After a rather cloudy start in places, it will be a mainly dry day with lengthening spells of sunshine. Staying dry during the evening too with partly clear skies. Strong south-westerly winds. Feeling mild, with temperatures above the average for the time of year. Max temp 8-11C (46-52F).

Sun & Moon

Sunrise	7.55am	Sunset	4.14pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	11.55am	Moonset	3.49am	4.14pm to 7.55am

High Tides

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Dover	06.33 5.3	19.21 5.2	07.45 5.4	20.27 5.5
Margate	07.16 3.8	20.08 3.9	08.37 3.9	21.15 4.0
St Mary's	00.09 4.2	12.45 4.3	01.24 4.4	13.54 4.5

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	rain	11	52	Edinburgh	rain	11	52	Newcastle	rain	12	54
Belfast	rain	12	54	Glasgow	shwrs	11	52	Norwich	cloudy	11	52
B'ham	cloudy	11	52	Isle of Man	rain	10	50	Oxford	cloudy	11	52
B'mouth	cloudy	11	52	Leeds	rain	10	50	Southsea	cloudy	10	50
Bristol	cloudy	11	52	London	cloudy	11	52	S'hampton	cloudy	11	52
Cardiff	rain	11	52	Liverpool	rain	11	52	Southport	rain	10	50
Cork	rain	11	52	Manchester	rain	11	52	Swansea	rain	10	50

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Celebrate new year on lantern parade

THE Chinese new year will be celebrated in style in Tunbridge Wells with hundreds of young people invited to take part in a winter lantern parade on Saturday, February 5.

The parade celebrates the Chinese custom of making brightly coloured paper lanterns and is fast becoming an annual custom in Tunbridge Wells.

This year there is an underwater theme.

The parade will leave from outside the museum and library on Civic Way at 5.30pm. The popular Bloco Fogo Samba band will lead the way as the procession heads down Monson Road and Camden Road to St Barnabas School.

The parade is the culmination of a day of events including family fun at Tunbridge Wells Museum and Library and the chance to 'make-a-shaker' at the Trinity Theatre.

The event has been organised by the Tunbridge Wells Arts Partnership, which includes Kent County Council, Trinity Theatre, Town and Country Foundation and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

Dawn Grant, Town and Country's community development manager, said: "The lantern parade has become a regular winter event in Tunbridge Wells and it's a wonderfully exciting, colourful and lively occasion for the children who take part.

"The candle-lit lanterns really do look spectacular on a dark winter afternoon. The parade will be marshalled so everyone enjoys themselves safely."

Free workshops are being held so that children can make their own underwater-themed lanterns – anything from an octopus to a shark – with materials and help available.

These take place at TN2, Sherwood, today, Saturday,; St Barnabas School on January 22 and 23; and Southborough Primary School on January 29.

For more information call Dawn Grant on 01892 501702 or visit www.tchg.org.uk.

Drivers: keep your full attention on the road

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crashes on the county's roads involving someone using a mobile phone while at the wheel. Of these there were four fatalities, 10 serious injuries and 48 left with slight injuries.

"It's worrying that people still don't take seriously the dangers posed by using, in any way, a phone while driving."

Lindsey Simkins, road safety research and evaluation officer at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, said: "Texting and tweeting are among the most dangerous things you can do while driving because you don't have your eyes and mind on the road.

"The evidence shows that drivers who use mobile phones – even hands-free ones – are four times more likely to be involved in a crash. The possible consequences for not giving the road your full attention include death, serious injury, prison and loss of licence.

"The advent of new technologies, such as smart phones, means there's an increasing number of ways for road users to become distracted.

"Friends and parents also have a role to play. If someone you know texts, tweets or Facebooks you while they are driving – simply tell them to stop."

Chief Inspector Martin Wilson, the district commander for Tunbridge Wells, said: "We are obviously keen to maintain and improve road safety in our towns.

"To that end we regularly conduct road checks and deal with people for speeding, talking on mobile phones and on rare occasions sending a text on a phone.

"I am not aware of anyone being dealt with for typing status updates on social networking sites and very much hope that no clear thinking and responsible person would see that as acceptable.

"It should go without saying that when we are driving we have to be in full control of a vehicle with our attention committed to that. Failure to do so could kill or injure someone."

DANGEROUS: Using a mobile phone while driving could cost you your life

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Fans are Shiny Happy People for festival rumours

US legends REM are the latest act to have been linked with a possible headline performance at this year's Hop Farm Festival.

The band are understood to be playing a string of festival dates in the UK this summer, and it would represent a real coup for festival chiefs were they to lure them to the Paddock Wood venue.

However, promoter Vince Power has remained tight-lipped over the line-up – refusing to be drawn on other rumoured acts, which have included Fleetwood Mac and even Sir Paul McCartney.

But on online social media network Twitter this week, the festival said: "We have heard some of the rumours for the line up… and it's gonna be huge."

REM, led by frontman Michael Stipe, were pioneers of the alternative US rock that dominated the charts in the early 90s.

They are best known for their classic albums Out of Time, which included the hits Losing My Religion and Shiny Happy People, and Automatic for the People, which included the songs Man on the Moon and Everybody Hurts.

Last year Bob Dylan and Van Morrison topped the bill, Paul Weller in 2009 and Neil Young and Primal Scream at the inaugural event in 2008.

This year's Hop Farm Festival runs from July 1-2. Early bird tickets for two days with camping are now available for £125. See www.hopfarmfestival.com for details.

There is nothing like a Dame to draw in tourists

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VISIT BRITAIN: Hever Castle is the setting for a new advert starring Dame Judi Dench

DAME Judi Dench has filmed a special commercial at Hever Castle designed to attract a flood of tourists to the nation as the focus of the world turns to the UK for the spring royal wedding.

The multi award-winning actress, 76, has been appointed an ambassador by tourism chiefs looking to cash in on the nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton on Friday, April 29.

The promotional film, called Invitation to the World, is part of a £100 million drive to attract tourists to Britain and will be broadcast around the globe just days after the eagerly-anticipated royal wedding.

The marketing push by VisitBritain, the national tourism agency, also aims to capitalise on the Queen's diamond jubilee in the same year as the London 2012 Olympics.

Dame Judi was seen as the obvious choice to promote Britain's royal events as she won a Bafta in 1997 for playing Queen Victoria in Mrs Brown and a best supporting actress Oscar for portraying Queen Elizabeth I in Shakespeare in Love a year later.

She chose to film her commercial, which features sweeping helicopter shots, at Hever Castle, describing the childhood home of Anne Boleyn as one her favourite landmarks in Britain.

And this is fitting as Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton, who are distantly related as 12th cousins once removed, are both descended from the Boleyn family, who owned Hever Castle between 1462 and 1538.

They are descended from Mary Boleyn, the older sister of Henry VIII's second wife Anne, who became his Queen until losing her head.

The father of the famed sisters, Thomas Boleyn, is the 14th generation grandfather of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

And Prince William, who is second in line to the British throne, is also wanted as an ambassador for VisitBritain.

A spokesman for the tourism agency said: "Britain is fortunate to have a wealth of globally-recognised celebrities from the spheres of entertainment, culture and sport.

"VisitBritain wants to capitalise on this by making some of them a central part of our £100 million, four-year marketing campaign designed to create a permanent increase in tourism to the UK.

"We can confirm that Judi Dench, who was recently voted 'greatest actor ever' in a poll carried out by the Stage newspaper, has made a film for the campaign at Hever Castle.

"We will also be filming other globally-famous British stars talking about their favourite aspects of Britain.

"Dame Judi's comments will be used, along with those of other celebrities, on a wide variety of channels, including TV ads, online channels and social media.

"Top of the wish list of other celebrity names are people such as David Beckham, Daniel Craig and Catherine Zeta Jones."

Shooting forces spaceman to put off school visit

ASTRONAUT Piers Sellers has been forced to cancel a trip to visit his former school in Kent after the shootings in Arizona.

A gunman went on the rampage in a supermarket car park in Tucson on the US state last Saturday, killing six and wounding 13 people.

One of the victims was Congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford, who was critically injured but managed to briefly open her eye as US President Barack Obama visited her in hospital on Thursday.

Grounded

The congresswoman is married to astronaut Mark Kelly, so all NASA spacemen have been ordered to stay grounded in the States in the aftermath of the shootings.

As a result Dr Sellers, 55, who was born in Crowborough and went to Cranbrook School, has been forced to cancel a trip to open a conference at his former school on Sunday and give a speech on Monday.

The astronaut, one of only five born in Britain to go into orbit, was recently awarded an OBE by the Queen in her New Year's Honours List for services to science. He now hopes to visit the school in March.

A school spokeswoman said: "Due to the recent events in Arizona, Dr Piers Sellers has had to postpone his visit to Cranbrook School planned for January 16 and 17.

"We are hopeful that his trip will be rescheduled for March, at which time his public presentation at the Queens Hall Theatre, originally planned for Monday, January 17, will take place."

Watchdog slams consultation rush

A HEALTH and social care watchdog has slammed a "panic consultation" on wide-ranging and controversial plans aimed at balancing a local NHS trust's books.

Kent Local Involvement Network (LINk) said measures to save NHS West Kent up to £20m, such as delaying surgery for smokers and ending 'consultant-to-consultant' referrals would hit the vulnerable hardest.

The primary care trust (PCT) asked for people's views on how cuts should be made. But the consultation lasted just seven days before the deadline for feedback on December 10.

"It was a panic consultation", said Mark Fittock, a LINk volunteer and governor. "Surely the PCT knew it was in financial trouble long before this, so why did it wait until now to ask for people's views?"

Dr James Thallon, the PCT's medical director, said: "We would have liked to have had longer to consult… but unfortunately the urgency of the situation didn't allow us to do so."

TUNBRIDGE Wells Borough Council chiefs are warning residents to be wary of phone calls claiming to be from the council offering tax refunds.

It comes after a spate of calls offering refunds of up to £7,000. Bank details are requested so monies can be paid into their account.

A spokesman for the council said: "The council does not operate this way. Under no circumstances should anyone give any details of their bank account or debit or credit cards."

If you receive such a call, report it to police on 01622 690690.

Key theft arrest

POLICE quizzed a man this week about a series of burglaries in Dunton Green.

Police said the 28-year-old from Essex, who was arrested in London, was being questioned about the spate of break-ins.

The most recent burglary took place at a home in Scotts Way during the day on January 5, when a window was forced to gain access and keys to an Audi car were taken.

Detective Sergeant Ben Turner said: "This serves as another reminder to householders to think about where you keep car keys."

Attacked in home

DETECTIVES have appealed for information after an elderly man was pushed to the floor during a burglary at his home.

The 84-year-old resident was in his ground floor flat in Northview, Swanley, at 2.45pm on New Year's Eve when he heard a noise.

Police said he saw three men in the hallway of his flat and one said they were there to fix his radio. They then barged into him pushing him to the floor.

The men searched his belongings and stole cash before leaving. The resident was left shaken by the incident but not injured.

Cars vandalised

A YOUNG man was arrested on suspicion of causing criminal damage after wing mirrors were smashed off four cars in a street.

They were vandalised in Mill Crescent, Tonbridge, on Boxing Day between 9pm and 11pm.

A police spokeswoman said an off-duty officer who was in the area at the time spotted a man who he suspected had caused the damage and called for back-up.

He then engaged the man in conversation until patrols arrived to arrest him. The suspect has been bailed to allow further investigation.

Survivor urges us to be aware of meningitis

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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A MAN who was left blind and deaf after suffering meningitis has shared his frightening experiences to raise awareness about the potentially deadly disease.

Arthur Ellis, who lives in Tunbridge Wells, was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis five years ago after he went to his GP suffering from an intense pressure in the forehead.

"I collapsed in his surgery doorway," he explained. "Apparently I was administered emergency drugs and taken immediately to A&E and then intensive care. I was in there for at least four weeks.

"I was beginning to shut down my functions. My family was told to expect the worst, but I survived. I lost my sight and my hearing. I had to learn to walk again after losing my balance."

The national charity Meningitis UK has launched a winter campaign to highlight how cases of the disease peak in the cold weather.

The charity's message is that people of all ages are at risk from the brain bug, which can kill in less than four hours.

Mr Ellis was 59 when he was hit by the disease in January 2006 and even after he was discharged from intensive care at the Kent & Sussex Hospital he faced a nine month recovery in various hospitals learning how to walk.

It was during his rehabilitation that he developed hallucinations due to little-known eye disorder Charles Bonnet Syndrome – a condition which causes those with visual loss to suffer 'complex visual hallucinations'.

"It was terrible, when I was in my wheelchair I felt like I was starring over a rocky bay and whichever room I moved into a different view of the same image appeared," he said.

"I was aware this was not real but nevertheless these images just would not go away. There were various other images such as Victorian dolls coming to life and animals.

"This syndrome was at the time very unknown and I was advised not to mention the hallucinations too much for fear of being diagnosed with another condition. Some helpful nurses and the Kent Association for the Blind (KAB) wised me up to it."

BLINDED: Arthur Ellis

Mr Ellis takes tablet to control the syndrome and has been learning Braille.

"It is unlikely that I will regain my sight but I have in other ways made slow and steady recovery," he said. "My recovery consisted of a lengthy hospital stay followed by rehab to learn to walk again.

"I still haven't recovered full control of my balance. I also went through vigorous psychological tests which were positive. The illness did not have a detrimental effect on me in that respect."

Mr Ellis has also been left deaf in one ear and has limited hearing in the other.

He said he was happy to raise awareness about meningitis, adding: "If I had known more about the disease I would have seen my GP a lot earlier," he said. "The symptoms came about over three days and it was only when I was in excruciating pain that I did something about it.

"I had heard of the name meningitis before but until it was explained to me that was what I had I really didn't have a clue I was going through this illness."

Mr Ellis has been slowly rebuilding his life and has exhibited artwork at Tunbridge Wells library. He said his daytime carer helps him take walks and regain his balance.

He said: "Unfortunately I did not produce artwork for a living, this was strictly a sideline. However since my illness my art has flourished and I have had several solo and joint exhibitions both locally and in London. It is now one of my major pastimes and has opened up an entirely new direction."

Meningitis UK chief executive and founder Steve Dayman added: "It's a dangerous misconception to think meningitis can only affect babies and young children. Knowing the symptoms and getting swift treatment can mean the difference between life and death."

For more information and to request an awareness poster call 0117 3737373 or visit www.meningitisUK.org.

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STATE-OF-THE-ART: The new hospital at Pembury is weeks away from opening

Countdown to hospital's opening begins in earnest

WITH just weeks until the first baby is born at the new maternity unit at Pembury, the finishing touches are being added to the first phase of the impressive £234million hospital.

Some 900 staff members at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust are being inducted and introduced to the new high-tech equipment spread around the sprawling site – which is being touted as one of the most modern in Europe.

The first phase, which includes women's and children's services, outpatients, imaging and theatres and makes up nearly half of the hospital, is due to open in two weeks' time.

This week, this newspaper was invited to return for a tour of the private finance initiative 512-bed hospital to see the progress since our last visit in October.

Its unique selling point is that it will be the first acute NHS hospital in the country with all single, en-suite rooms.

The healthcare professionals conducting the tour gushed about the benefits to patient care, privacy and safety that the hospital will offer, as well as the extent to which they have been consulted on all aspects of the building.

Gillian Duffey, the trust's associate director of nursing and head of midwifery, said: "From a staff perspective there are huge improvements. For women's and children's services there is no comparison to the facilities they will have here."

The attention to detail is impressive, oxygen and suction pumps come out of the walls to reduce the clutter of gas cylinders and 'baby Resuscitaire' units are included in the maternity rooms for emergencies but hidden from view so they do not scare new parents.

Everything in the new hospital is starting to take shape, with a £200,000 robot system in the pharmacy to make dispensing more efficient. Staff have given it the woman's name Doris because it is so good at multi-tasking.

The MRI scanner is twice as powerful as most in the NHS and cost £1.5m. Thanks to the hospital's league of friends' largest ever donation of £270,000, patients will be also able to enjoy a flatscreen TV in every room.

The hospital is to open fully in September, when all other services will move over.

We need to make opportunities so we can all help each other

It's time to pull together to bring about recovery

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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TODAY this newspaper calls on employers throughout the county to join together and support our new campaign to Keep Kent Working.

With unemployment at its highest rate in years and government spending cuts in full force, now is the perfect time for businessmen and women across the region to collaborate and improve the Kent economy for all.

Our campaign aims to keep people in work, generate jobs and develop our talent for the future.

It will provide a forum for local companies to demonstrate what they are doing to aid the recovery – be it by taking on new apprentices or coming up with innovative new ways of working – while also acting as a launch pad for firms to join together and share their expertise.

Archant KOS Media has faced difficult decisions itself in recent times, as have many businesses within the county.

Managing director Paul Stannard said: "We have had to make tough decisions, and it is from this backdrop that we decided to do something positive and use our media as a vehicle for employers and organisations – as well as the wider community – to communicate how adaptable the business community in Kent is to dealing with change, and to make sure the people of Kent know what opportunities are out there."

The Keep Kent Working campaign already has the backing of both Kent County Council and the Federation of Small Businesses.

"Anything that gets businesses working together to create more employment opportunities for people, and especially young people, absolutely gets my backing," said Kent County Council's cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, Cllr Kevin Lynes.

"There could be a little more thought between businesses about the beginning and the end. I'd like to reach a point where we are engaging really closely with the private sector to find out where the skills gaps will be in the future, so we can address that and train up tomorrow's workforce, today."

One of the main aims of the Keep Kent Working campaign is to encourage businesses to take on young workers, as a third of the county's unemployed are aged 18-24.

Cllr Lynes pointed to KCC's support scheme for employers, which drastically reduces the bureaucracy involved with taking on an apprentice, as an example of how different organisations can work together for the benefit of all.

He added: "The benefit of investing in youth is that you get a huge amount of enthusiasm, energy and drive that comes with being young.

"Letting young people look at things with a fresh pair of eyes and question the way in which they do things can be so valuable to businesses, and can give them a serious edge over their competitors."

The Keep Kent Working campaign manager Claire Trevill, who has vast experience of business in Kent, says she fully understands what employers and employees are going through.

She has worked closely with the Government's Future Jobs Fund and is currently acting as a business mentor for young people with the Prince's Trust charity.

"Everyone is aware these are tough economic times, but that creates an opportunity for doing things differently," said Miss Trevill.

"And that includes how businesses recruit their staff and how they take on apprentices and offer graduate placements.

"Our close proximity to London has also become a blessing and a curse because we lose many of our best workers there.

"But now's the time to stop the brain train and for Kent employers to fight back and keep the talent here.

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Burglar climbed through organ

AN ORNATE brass cross has been stolen and a recently restored organ left badly damaged after a burglary at a village church.

The cross, which features a patterned design, was stolen from the vestry at St Giles' Church in Shipbourne last Saturday.

Police said someone had entered the vestry by climbing through the internal workings of the church organ, snapping many of the wooden components and causing a "significant amount" of damage.

The organ had been extensively refurbished last year, costing £18,000.

Homes to close

FIERCE public opposition has failed to stop Kent County Council from pressing ahead with plans to close several care homes for the elderly.

Despite thousands of people voicing their opposition through letters, questionnaires and petitions during a 19-week consultation, the authority has given itself the green light to the proposals put forward last June.

The four care homes to shut include Bowles Lodge in Hawkhurst. All are to be demolished and replaced with "extra care" social housing that would allow residents to live independently but with carers available 24-hours a day.

A DRUNK driver has been banned for 16 months after being caught behind the wheel while twice over the legal limit.

Neil Taylor, 35, of Mcarthur Drive, West Malling, was stopped while driving a red Ford Fiesta on the A228 at Kings Hill on December 10. Police found he had 79 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 36.

West Kent Magistrates Court also fined him £1,000, and ordered him to pay £85 court costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Labour look to harness opposition to coalition

TORY and Lib Dem candidates fighting it out for the vacant Tonbridge seat on Kent County Council, could be hit by a backlash by voters because of the coalition government, claim opponents.

The public vote, which will take place next Thursday, January 20, is being held to fill the vacuum left by the recent death of Cllr Godfrey Horne MBE.

The long-serving Conservative county councillor, who was 67, died after a brief illness while visiting friends in Torquay, Devon, on November 13 last year.

The candidates bidding to fill his seat are Alice Hohler for the Conservatives, Garry Bridge for the Liberal Democrats, Emily Williams for Labour, Hazel Dawe for the Greens and David Waller for UKIP.

And Tonbridge and Malling Labour Party believe the Conservatives could be facing a backlash from the controversy over student tuition fees which could start a Labour comeback in the area after a disastrous General Election last May.

Jim Parish, secretary of the Tonbridge group, said: "Tuition fees will hit a lot of middle income people and they will think twice about staying with the Tories."

However, Conservative candidate Alice Hohler said she believes people will vote on local issues that are important to them.

She said: "Inevitably what is going on nationally, as there has been a lot of publicity about the spending cuts and tuition fees as headline news, has a small impact.

"But on the doorstep I have met a lot of people who vote very differently in national and local elections."

Trudy Dean, leader of the Liberal Democrat group on Kent County Council, who represents Malling Central, said: "I agree with the Conservative candidate about people voting on local issues in local elections.

"People should remember that Labour were in third place at the election for this seat last time, with the Liberal Democrats in second. We form the opposition at both borough and county level."

A spokeswoman for Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council said all registered voters should by now have received a polling card telling them where their local polling station will be and how to vote. The stations will be open from 7am to 10pm.

Postal voters should make sure their vote is returned by 10pm on January 20.

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THE INTERVIEW

BY STEVE KNIGHT

Book prize throws potter

IF YOU'RE a fan of the literary talents of Edmund de Waal, prepare to be disappointed – he will not be publishing another book for at least a decade.

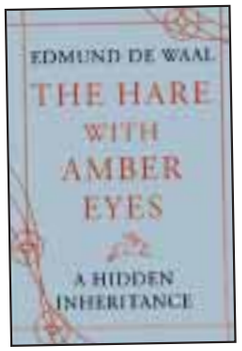
But then that's really not surprising, when you consider the Costa Book Prize winner is, by his own admission, simply a potter still struggling to come to terms with his remarkable rise to prominence.

His book, The Hare with Amber Eyes, tells how a collection of 264 Japanese netsuke figurines ended up in his possession, and how they relate to the history of his family.

"My only realistic aim was to get the book published so my family could enjoy it," admitted Mr de Waal, who went to school in Canterbury. "I had no expectations at all that it would receive so much attention and be read by so many people. I'm completely overwhelmed by it all.

"It's obviously a very different experience writing something over many years compared to making a pot, and I'm still trying to work out what winning this prize means to me. I will do more in the future, but don't expect one for at least another 10 years.

"I'm just a potter who wrote a book, and that's it."



The netsuke figurines written about in Mr de Waal's book are intricately-carved wood and ivory toggles – traditionally used to fasten purses to kimonos – which he inherited from his great uncle during a trip to Japan.

However, his attempts to find out more about their past unearthed horrific tales of how the objects survived, when many other possessions of his Jewish ancestors – heavily persecuted throughout the generations – were stolen or destroyed.

"Once I started writing the book I felt I had a responsibility to my family to finish it," said Mr de Waal.

"But even though it covers some very important and terrible moments in European history, it's also very much about the touch and feel of these beautiful objects and how intricately-made they all were. The book really took me over, and it took several years to write."

The son of a former dean of Canterbury Cathedral, 46-year-old Mr de Waal was educated at the city's King's School and later served as an apprentice potter under one of its former teachers, Geoffrey Whiting.

Mr de Waal also has a connection to Tunbridge Wells, as his Austrian grandmother, Elisabeth, moved to the town after her former home of Vienna was devastated during World War Two.

"How could I not love growing up in the shadow of Canterbury Cathedral?" he said.

"I have very happy memories of living in Kent and being around so much beauty.

"The cathedral today is led by such a dynamic group of people and they will raise the £50 million needed to restore it. It's such an important world symbol that they can't not do."

The Hare with Amber Eyes won the Costa Book Prize in the biography category, with the overall winner being announced on January 25.

The other writers in the running for the prize are Maggie O'Farrell, Kishwar Desai, Jo Shapcott and Jason Wallace.

The judges include broadcaster Andrew Neil, TV presenters Natasha Kaplinsky and Anneka Rice, and the actor David Morrissey. So how does Mr de Waal rate his chances of picking up the overall accolade?

"I've no chance at all," he said. "But I don't care. All the other authors are wonderful people and deserve to win the prize. I've already got more than I thought possible."

GO FIGURE: The 'hidden inheritance' netsuke figurines inspired Edmund de Waal's literary prizewinner

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Double trouble for motorists

KEEP MOVING: Double parking and blocking dropped kerbs could cost drivers dear

TRAFFIC wardens are to be given new powers to issue fines for double-parked cars or vehicles left in front of dropped kerbs.

Kent County Council is expected to adopt Government legislation introduced as part of the 2004 Traffic Management Act, and give permission to the 12 district and borough councils to issue more penalty notices.

However, wardens will still not be allowed to issue tickets for cars parked across driveways, as they will not know if the driver has received permission to do so.

Members of KCC's environment, highways and waste policy overview and scrutiny committee will be asked to approve the new powers at a meeting on Tuesday.

A report states additional wardens will not be employed, so there will be no extra cost to enforcing the new restrictions.

It adds: "There may be a limited additional income through the issuing of penalty charge notices, but it is to be noted that parking enforcement is a necessary tool to ensure good traffic management and road safety, not to generate an income stream."

The charge for parking offences stands at £70, reduced by half if paid within a fortnight. KCC is keen to clamp down on motorists who park in front of dropped kerbs, which officers say inconveniences people – particularly those pushing prams or using wheelchairs or mobility vehicles – trying to cross the road.

KCC defines double parking as leaving a car 50cm or more from the kerb, and says it contributes to congestion and is an inconvenience for other road users.

Learn how to help

A DISABILITY charity will be holding a coffee morning to attract new volunteers to support its vital work.

Compaid, which works across Kent from its base in Tunbridge Wells, is hosting the event at St Andrews Church in Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood on Wednesday at 10.30am. The charity supports people with disabilities by providing a range of services including computer skills training and accessible transport.

To find out more contact volunteer manager Judith Williamson on 07933 480759 or email judith.williams@compaid.org.uk.

Head-on collision

A WOMAN was seriously injured when her car was involved in a head-on collision with another car on a country road.

Police said she was driving a black Vauxhall Corsa which collided with a silver Vauxhall Insignia travelling in the opposite direction on the A229 at Rocks Hill in Frittenden just before 8.50am on Thursday, January 6.

The badly injured woman, who had been heading towards Maidstone, was taken to a London hospital in a serious condition.

Witnesses to the incident are asked to call police on 01622 798538.

■ A BURGLAR has been jailed for 236 days after admitting breaking into a car hire business and stealing cash.

Aiden Cahill, 46, of Pennington Road, Southborough, was arrested and charged by police on January 4, in relation to the burglary of the business in Quarry Road, Tunbridge Wells, a day earlier.

He pleaded guilty to the offence when he appeared before magistrates in Sevenoaks on January 5 and was jailed as the burglary was committed while he was already serving a suspended sentence.

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PACT date is rescheduled

THE upcoming PACT meeting in Edenbridge next month has been rescheduled and is taking place in a new location.

The Partners and Communities Together meeting scheduled for February 10 at the Edenbridge Centre, will now take place at Edenbridge Leisure Centre at 10.30am on February 17.

At the meetings, residents can raise concerns with police and local authorities. For details, call the Community Safety Unit on 01732 227000 or email community.safety @sevenoaks.gov.uk.

Gym beginners urged to get advice on exercising

By **JON COATES**

FITNESS centres have been bulging with new members since the post-Christmas rush to lose the festive flab.

Every year people resolve to lose weight in January, but traditionally lose interest by the end of the month.

So this year gym managers are urging new members to ease themselves into their new regimes gently, and seek help from their instructors with programmes and advice.

Adam Perry, director of operations for Sencio Community Leisure, which runs sports centres throughout west Kent in conjunction with local authorities, said: "For most people, the arrival of a new year is accompanied by numerous good intentions, with a desire to get fitter usually at the top of the list.

"People definitely turn to the gym in January, and there is an almost overnight increase in interest and attendance.

"However, what is crucially important is to try to encourage people – especially those new to exercise – to make it an integral and sustained part of their lifestyle."

TEAM WORK: Fitness classes can provide important extra motivation

He added: "At the Sencio leisure centres we aim to work closely with customers to help them set realistic goals and to devise a programme from which they can see real benefits in terms of general health, well-being and increased energy levels.

"Crucially, we also encourage customers to talk to one of our fitness professionals on a regular basis, to adapt and amend their programme, as this is one of the best ways to keep boredom at bay and motivation high.

"We also recognise that the gym environment might not be for everyone, so we offer a range of group fitness activities where the more organised approach, often with an important social element, is something that appeals to many people."

Sencio runs Sevenoaks Leisure Centre, in Buckhurst Lane, and Wildernesse Sports Centre, in Seal Hollow Road, both in Sevenoaks; Blackhurst Lane Sports Centre in Blackhurst Lane, Tunbridge Wells; Edenbridge Sports Centre in Stangrove Park and White Oak Leisure Centre in Hilda May Avenue, Swanley.

Paula Millen, health and fitness manager for Optimise Fitness, the gym in K College's campus in Brook Street, Tonbridge, said: "We are busy, as you would expect with people deciding to start the new year with a new approach to fitness.

"What makes the difference here though is that, because we are a college facility, our prices are much lower than other gyms – even though we offer state-of-the-art equipment and an extensive range of exercise classes.

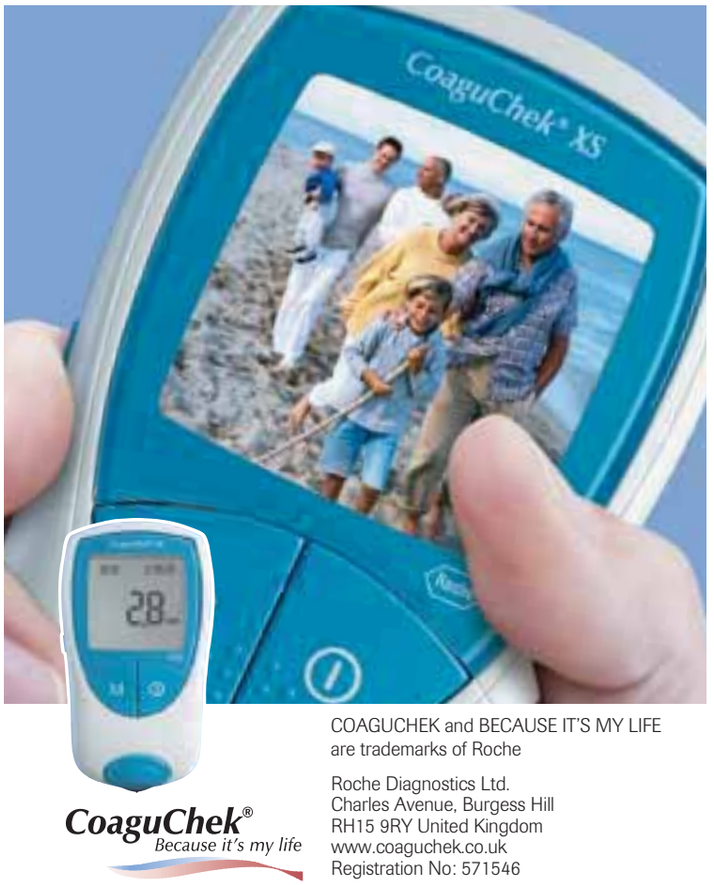
"We're also really motivational – people find that they really do make progress and are encouraged not to give up before January is out."

Louise Clark, chief operating officer of The Brew House One Gym in Tunbridge Wells, has also noticed a surge in members recently.

She said: "Since One Gym opened in May, our membership levels have been steadily growing.

"However, since mid December we have seen a surge in applications."

On warfarin?



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Castle cycle to help sick kids

ABOUT 1,000 cyclists are expected to take part in a charity ride in the heart of Kent in spring.

The Castle Ride 100 will start and finish at Tonbridge Castle on Sunday, May 15, taking participants along the Pilgrim's Way with some challenging climbs.

Riders will be able to choose from the 100-mile or 100km route, raising funds for Action Medical Research.

The 100-mile ride will set off from Tonbridge Castle towards Sevenoaks, passing Ightham Mote, before heading to Snodland and Rochester Castle.

The route then continues south to Chatham and Aylesford, a steep climb at Hollingbourne, past Leeds Castle and then on to Headcorn, Tenterden, Ewhurst Green, with views of Bodiam Castle, before heading north to Cranbrook, Tunbridge Wells and back to Tonbridge Castle.

Both rides are fully supported with drink and food stops, and lunch is provided at the half-way point.

There will also be a back-up team of mechanics, marshals and first aid.

Mark Trott, UK cycling development manager at Action Medical Research, said: "Having a target like a 100-mile bike ride can make it easier to stick to the promises you make at the start of a New Year.

"If it's been a long time since you've done any exercise, start off with short rides and push yourself a bit further each time. By May you'll be fit and ready to join us."

Action Medical Research is a leading national children's health charity. Money raised will help to fund work which aims to prevent, cure or treat conditions that devastate the lives of babies, children and their families.

Register for the Castle Ride at www.action.org.uk/castleride.

Entry costs £28 and riders must also raise a minimum of £30 in sponsorship.

■ A CROOK has been sentenced to 100 hours of unpaid work and told to pay £229 in compensation for stealing a TV from a supermarket.

Michael Malone, 44, of Collier Street, Tonbridge, stole an LG 19" television worth £229.99 in Maidstone on October 30 last year.

He pleaded guilty to theft when he appeared at Mid Kent Magistrates Court in Maidstone on January 4.

Malone was ordered to pay £85 costs and an application was made for a £314.99 benefit deduction to cover the debt.

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Don't help to spread winter vomiting bug

PEOPLE suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea have been urged not to visit hospitals, GP surgeries or care homes until they are free of symptoms for at least 48 hours.

NHS West Kent and Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust said it was important to keep the highly contagious winter vomiting bug, or norovirus, out of hospitals and healthcare centres.

Val Harmon, infection prevention and control nurse adviser at the primary care trust, said: "This bug is extremely contagious, so it's vital that people with a tummy bug don't go to their GP surgery, A&E or visit family or friends in hospital or nursing homes.

"Norovirus is an unpleasant but short-lived illness lasting around two days. But hospitals and healthcare facilities have vulnerable patients who can't fight infections and to them, norovirus can prove fatal. The infection can also lead to wards being closed."

Advice for those with the bug is to stay at home, drink plenty of fluids and call their GP surgery or NHS Direct if they need to.

Norovirus causes vomiting and diarrhoea, which normally stops after two days, but it can be fatal in the very young, elderly and sick. Other symptoms may include a raised temperature, headaches and aching limbs.

TAKE CARE: Norovirus can be very harmful to the sick

Dr Sara Mumford, director of infection prevention and control at the hospitals trust, said: "We are working hard to identify and contain any cases of norovirus in our hospitals and ensure that as far as possible the illness is not communicated to other patients."

You can help stop the spread of norovirus and other contagious infections by keeping hard surfaces clean and washing hands thoroughly with soap and water.

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Fortified castle or

JANE CONNOLLY takes a fascinating look at the history of one of the area's best-loved landmarks and discovers all may not be quite as expected…

FOR more than 500 years, Bodiam Castle has been celebrated as one of England's most picturesque landmarks.

In its beautiful rural setting near Robertsbridge, the moated 14th century castle makes an arresting sight and for many visitors is a classic example of a formidable English fortification. But is the castle everything it seems?

Debate still rages as to whether Bodiam Castle is in fact the epitome of a medieval stronghold or a rich man's folly designed more for comfort than conflict.

Recent artefacts uncovered at the castle were initially believed to have been Roman, but tests revealed the fragments of bowl date from medieval times. This was the era when Bodiam Castle was bursting with life, as the proud home of one of the country's most influential men.

Property manager George Bailey explained how the castle was built and the reasons for doubt about its creator's motivations.

"From the point of view of the castle, the late 14th century was its heyday," he said. "It was the centre of attention for the area. The owner, Sir Edward Dalyngrigge, was one of the most important people in the country at the time, though he is not well-known now. He was probably the David Beckham of his day. He was very famous as he had been in France fighting the 100 Years' War and was one of the King's inner circle."

Following a turn in England's fortunes during the war, the French began to raid the English coast. When Richard II granted Dalyngrigge a Licence to Crenellate in 1385, he was giving permission for the existing manor house at Bodiam to be fortified. But castles were great status symbols and Dalyngrigge decided to build a new structure on a fresh site.

This might have been prompted by his desire to mark his rank, because questions have been raised about how effective the castle would have been against invasion.

FACT FILE

- The castle was built in 1385 by Sir Edward Dalyngrigge, the son of a minor Sussex gentry family. Having married well and inherited property from his father and older brother, who had also made good marriages to rich heiresses, Dalyngrigge was a wealthy man. But he also appears to have been ambitious, pursuing his fortune further by taking part in military expeditions abroad and also getting involved in politics.
- Although Dalyngrigge seems to have been a colourful character, no evidence survives to shed light on the construction of the castle or what life was like there during Dalyngrigge's time.
- Modern visitors approach the castle from the north, but it is believed Dalyngrigge's guests would have arrived from the south, enjoying a more picturesque view of the castle.
- Bodiam Castle is open on the weekend from 11am to 4pm, with spring opening hours beginning on Saturday, February 12. For more information about opening times and admission prices, call 01580 830196 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk.

"It boils down to the David Beckham thing again. Did Dalyngrigge build the castle so it could be defended against the French?" Mr Bailey said. "It would have had some impact, but it was not an ideal place to build because it is halfway up a hill and people could get above it. Did he build it to defend against a peasants' revolt? It's possible, because it would have worked in the same way as against the French.

"Did he build it to have parties in, because it was a very comfortable place inside? There are probably elements of that in the design.

"It would work against a small skirmish force and it would have stopped the peasants. But it was also a nice place to have parties, with en-suite bedrooms and glazed windows.

"We are wondering if it was just built by somebody who wanted a house with all the mod cons."

Once Dalyngrigge had his castle, for whatever purpose, he was determined to bend the landscape to his will. The fragments of medieval bowl were found in the area that would have been his manmade port.

"He created the port where there would not have been one before," Mr Bailey said. "Dalyngrigge diverted the river to create a port big enough for what he wanted. The harbour was used quite widely at that time and the major trade from here was timber going up to London. However, it was not a sensible place to build it, as it would have silted up and it is a tidal area. But he wanted it to be here so that's where it was.

"We know more about Dalyngrigge than we do about what happened here, so archaeological work will help us to fill that picture in."

When Dalyngrigge died in 1393, the castle passed to his son Sir John and down through the family, until the male line died out less than 100 years later. In 1470 the castle passed by marriage to the Lewknor family but the actions of one member, Sir Thomas, against Richard III led to the castle being surrendered to the Crown for a time.

The estate was eventually passed back to the Lewknors, who sold most of the property to Sir Nicholas Tufton, later 1st Earl of Thanet, in 1623. Bodiam Castle changed hands a number of times over the next 200 years, but the last three private owners were all concerned with preserving the now ruined structure.

In 1829 John Fuller bought the castle for £3,000 and carried out some restoration work, though the next owner, George Cubitt, undertook more extensive repairs after buying the castle in 1864.

When Lord Curzon bought the castle in 1917, he originally wanted to make the ruin habitable again, later settling on a programme of restoration. Upon his death, the castle

party palace?

passed to the National Trust and since 1926, the charity has been attempting to preserve this beautiful structure.

During the 18th and 19th centuries, ivy-strewn ruins were considered fashionable, so the castle had been allowed to remain overgrown, something which adds to the challenges faced by the trust today.

"During the Civil War, the roofs and floors were taken out and the elements will have a go at destroying buildings," Mr Bailey said.

"We've had about 150 to 200 years of nature impacting on the castle. That's largely why we have a ruined castle today."

The next challenge for the team at Bodiam Castle is to restore the gatehouse, an expensive project which is still in the planning stages, but the aim will be to keep the castle as it is now rather than trying to step back in time.

"The trust has a policy of maintaining the castle as a romantic ruin so we're stopping, as much as we can, the effects of the climate on it. The only way to stop it completely is to cover it with a bubble and not let visitors in, which defeats the object of keeping it for the people. It's an ongoing work, as with any heritage attraction."

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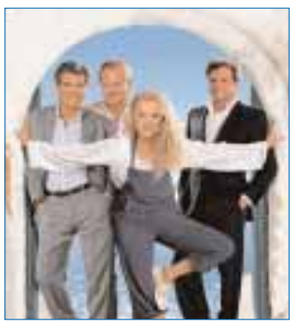

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First aid could help you save your child

PARENTS with young children are encouraged to complete a first aid course as a New Year's resolution, ***writes Jon Coates***.

St John Ambulance will host a course in conjunction with the Tunbridge Wells group Mums and Bumps at the Camden Centre in Market Square in the town on Tuesday, January 18.

SAVE A LIFE: First aid 'vital' for parents

Mark Cummings, head of volunteer and community training at St John Ambulance Kent, said: "The natural curiosity of toddlers and children inevitably means there is the potential for accidents.

"The aim of this course is to provide basic first aid skills that could make a real difference, and could help save a child's life or assist in treating minor ailments.

"The course will provide advice on situations including bites and stings, major and minor bleeding, what to do if your child becomes unconscious, resuscitation techniques for all ages, and advice regarding poisons, seizures and fainting.

"It's vital for people around babies and young children to have the skills to cope in an emergency, as about 150,000 people die every year from a lack of first aid."

There are 30 places for the three-hour session, costing £15. Book by calling 01732 871666 or email training@kent.sja.org.uk. A second course is planned for early May.

For details of St John Ambulance Kent, or to donate, call 01732 874446.

Warning as young boys target cars

POLICE have warned young people about the potentially-fatal consequences of distracting drivers by hurling sticks or stones from footbridges over roads.

Several motorists called 999 after seeing three boys throwing branches and sticks on to the southbound carriageway of the A21 from a bridge near the A26 turn-off at Tonbridge at about 2pm on December 30.

Officers sent to the area took two boys, aged 10 and 11, into custody. They were released on bail after questioning.

The matter has been referred to the Youth Offending Service to decide whether to take further action.

Sergeant Jon Turtle, of Tonbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "This was an incredibly stupid thing to do which could have had a horrendous outcome.

"What may have started out as a bit of 'fun' or 'high spirits' could easily have turned into a major road traffic incident, with a potentially tragic ending.

"I would urge all parents and carers to make sure they know where their children are, who they are with, and what they are doing at all times, and to remind them that this sort of behaviour is highly dangerous and unacceptable."

Nurses fly out to US to study treatment for obesity

STAFF from an independent hospital in west Kent travelled to the United States to learn about treating obese patients.

Nurse Julie Meredith and ward sister Jane Wallace, from Benenden Hospital, based in Cranbrook, flew out to Magee's Women's Hospital in Pittsburgh to gain an insight into bariatric (weight loss) surgery and specialised treatment for the clinically obese.

During the three-week visit, the nurses gained knowledge and skills in providing obesity care, which they took back with them to share with staff. They were able to visit the US as part of Benenden Hospital's Lord Plant scholarship, designed to provide personal and professional development for its staff.

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We like unique town

Tunbridge Wells is a place to live, it is not just a place to shop and do business. It should not try and turn itself into a shopping mall or Bluewater rival – it won't succeed, and will ruin its character in the process. We should not compete, we should differentiate.

The council's position as stated on the consultation website is that "investment in a wide range of facilities in other towns in the region, along with the continued provision of large-scale retail and leisure facilities at North Farm, means that there are significant threats to the long-term vitality of Royal Tunbridge Wells town centre". I disagree with this statement.

North Farm offers traffic jams, an unappealing environment and staggered pockets of shops you have to drive between. I would rather buy on the internet, or go into Tunbridge Wells precisely because it is not like North Farm, or Bluewater for that matter. Please allow the small, quirky areas and shops to flourish, restraining the development of "the usual" shops which are easily and boringly found everywhere else.

Let us celebrate the character and individuality of Tunbridge Wells and increase its attraction as a place to live.

I want a town centre that is easy to pop in to for short periods of time, that offers what I need for swift run-of-the mill errands and for more unusual shopping trips or enjoyable evenings out, friendly in character and proud to be Tunbridge Wells – not just any old shopping centre. I want my young children to enjoy going into town, to grow up with a sense of the culture around them and the identity of the place they are growing up in, visiting the library, gallery and museum which they love, and be interested in seeing things at the theatre. And of course I want to feel they are safe here when they are older and on their own or hanging out with friends.

I urge the council to look beyond the profit of redevelopment for retail and business, and incorporate an exciting open area that can be enjoyed by all ages that will be a distinction for this town in decades to come, and a tribute to the council.

Mrs K Lyle, Langton Green

Roy's sinking our ship

Cllr Roy Bullock may still see himself as the able captain of HMS Tunbridge Wells. However, those of us who remember the film Titanic may recall the dramatic scenes of a sinking ship with a man overboard. If Roy remains the helmsman of the Town Hall, the rest of us will be running for the lifeboats.

Dr Alan Bullion, Tunbridge Wells

Too much prejudice

At a local level, 2010 was remarkable for the ambitious proposals put forward by council leader, Roy Bullock, for the regeneration of the town centre.

These could meet the concerns of many who feel the town centre is declining. The council offices are now too large for the numbers employed there, and relocation out-of-town would save council taxpayers money.

The Assembly Hall is in need of a refit, and it makes sense at least to consider whether a modern replacement could be economically provided within a wider redevelopment.

The civic centre site would also provide space for new major retail outlets for which there is no other available space in the town centre; the traffic chaos around the new John Lewis in the industrial estate demonstrates the extent of unsatisfied demand.

The development might also house a new town centre cinema, which residents have been denied for the last ten years owing to the disgraceful restrictive covenant placed by Odeon on the former cinema site. Finally, the council's (unsuccessful) bid to buy the cinema site itself, which the private sector and market forces have failed to redevelop even in an economic boom, was intended to remove a source of complaint. The remaining proposals are now going through a thorough process of public consultation, in line with the highest democratic standards.

Given the potential benefits, one might have expected an informed debate on the issues. So far, the only rational objection has been by those who value the civic centre buildings for their architectural merits. The rest is largely ignorant prejudice and hysteria, whipped up by unrepresentative pressure groups and the Lib Dems.

Patent untruths have appeared which have gained credence through constant repetition. "No consultation!" but that is going on. "No transparency!" but the proposals are explained too. "Bullock's long reign must end!" He has not yet served as leader for as long as his predecessor Melvyn Howell (three years). And so forth.

Worse still has been the level of personal abuse directed at Bullock and the grotesque caricatures of him. If those responsible regard themselves as civilised people, they should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves.

On the political front, it is of course the duty of the Lib Dem opposition to oppose, although one notes that they seem long on malice and very short, if not bankrupt, on constructive ideas.

W A J Ekins-Daukes
Conservative councillors' group chairman, 2003-07, Tunbridge Wells

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- Change job – 11 per cent
- Stop moaning so much – 12 per cent
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- Ditch your partner – 10 per cent
- Move home – 11 per cent
- None, they always fail – 16 per cent

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DIVALL
Aaron and Zoe Divall celebrate the birth of their daughter Emma Denise Divall on 30th December 2010 weighing 6lb 9oz.

DOE
Tony and Leighann Doe of Erith are delighted to announce the early arrival of their son Ethan George David Doe, born 22nd December 2010 weighing 5lb 12oz.

EUSTACE
William Waring Eustace, born 31st December 2010, a boy for Jeremy and Charlotte, first grandson for Maggie of Deal and first grandchild for Jonathan and Lynette Harmer of Egerton. All incredibly proud - New Year's Eve will never be the same again!

HAKIM
Lukman and Mita are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their lovely son Danadyaksa Britannia Hakim, born on the 23rd December 2010.

HOWARD
Claire and Lewis Howard of Pembury are delighted to announce the birth of their son Zac Lewis Howard born 2nd December 2010 weighing 7lb 12oz.

KITCHEN
David and Karen Kitchen are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Emma Samantha, weighing 7lb 11oz, on 20th December 2010 at Maidstone Hospital.

LEWIS
Imogen Ivy Lewis born on 28th December 2010, weighing 8lb 6oz. Daughter to Lance and Louise Lewis in Maidstone.

MAYER
Greg Mayer and Hannah Street would like to announce the birth of their daughter Isabel Willow Mayer, born on the 20th December 2010, weighing 7lb 7oz. A welcomed addition to the family and a beautiful sister for Joe. X X X

RALPH
Maicie born 19th December 2010, weighing 6lbs 14oz. Daughter to Andrea Moy and Maxwell Ralph in Margate.

RUDD-WALDRON
Keiron Waldren and Katie Rudd would like to announce the birth of their beautiful baby boy Taylor, born on Boxing Day at 9.52am weighing 7lb 4oz.

SMITH
Oliver born on the 19th December 2010, weighing 4lb 2oz, 9 weeks early. Ollie doing well and looking forward to going home to Mum, Dad and Charlie.

STEVENS
Katy Spoors and Michael Stevens of Hawkinge celebrate the birth of their son Lucas Michael on 17th December 2010, weighing 7lb 12oz.

STEWART-STANTON
Andrew and Suzannah Stewart-Stanton of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their son Henry Robert on 30th December 2010 weighing 7lb 5oz. A welcome little brother for Isabelle Mae.

VREONY
Rachel Vreony and Barrie Bennett of Folkestone are delighted to announce the birth of Ethan Blake on Christmas Day 2010. A new baby brother for Dylan, Isabella and Joshua.

DEATHS

RUMSEY
Syvia Jean Rumsey peacefully passed away on the 31st December 2010 at Wayfarers Residential Home. Will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Frankly, a stamp of disapproval

For years now I have noticed a deteriorating quality in the franking of stamped Royal Mail post. With time at my disposal after Christmas, I decided to analyse the 87 envelopes received in December.

My impressions were sadly confirmed, albeit at a seasonably busy time for Royal Mail and with the added problem of the early winter snow.

Of the 87 envelopes, 16 (18 per cent) were not franked, but three had their stamps cancelled by pen. However, a total of 21 (24 per cent) stamps were not cancelled at all. Some 23 (26 per cent) were not imprinted with the postcode for automatic sorting.

Of the 71 which had some form of franking: 10 (14 per cent) had no day identified; 24 (34 per cent) had no month identified; six (36 per cent) had no year identified; 49 (69 per cent) had no time (or AM/PM) identified; 39 (55 per cent) had no location identified.

The worst frankings were the roundels. The best frankings were those with advertising strips. There is a tendency to re-use unfranked stamps and in economically challenged times the temptation to resist this may well decline. As a result, Royal Mail may be losing substantial revenue with its lax operation.

Unfortunately, I didn't record the received dates to be able to analyse the deliver periods and perhaps that would be unreasonable to compare it with Royal Mail's promise at this time of the year, but one second-class envelope I received on December 29 was postmarked 9.XII (which I know was posted in Oxfordshire).

How does Royal Mail reconcile its delivery promise if so many envelopes do not identify the day of cancellation, a total of 26 (32 per cent) in my survey?

Yes, one can use the date on the item inside the envelope but where the date of posting becomes legally important, absence of a clear postmark presents a problem.

We expect three Christmas cards from two relatives and one friend, all called Pat. Without a location on the franking, it's impossible to tell between two of them who sent which card.

Another second-class envelope I know was posted in the Perth area of Scotland (with a Scottish stamp) was actually franked by the Watford mail centre.

If unsorted mail from Scotland was being shipped to England because of weather problems in Scotland, was the date stamping of the envelope a true reflection of the date posted?

I wonder if my experience is typical of what other readers encountered.

NE Baldwin, Wingham

EU withdrawal will save billions

So Kent County Council wants to make cuts of £95 million. Well, that's about the amount the European Union takes from British taxpayers every two days.

Has KCC considered closing its expensive regional office in Brussels? I don't suppose so. Why doesn't KCC use the Dartford crossing toll money to replace the cuts in funding from Westminster instead of using it to wreck more countryside.

Better still, take this country out of the EU and save billions every year. Then money can be spent on us for a change, and not wasted by unelected foreigners hellbent on destroying democracy. For all the people who believe we should leave the EU, there are two national newspapers running campaigns to get us out and five political parties who think likewise.

Cameron, Clegg and Miliband do not own this country, it belongs to the people and these three and their cohorts must be made to do as we want them to do, or they should be kicked out for good.

Roger Arnold, Herne Bay

Ode to the heroes of Ashes victory

So, Ashes to Ashes, perhaps dust to dust,
But who'd hold the aces, who'd fold and go bust?
Which pack hid the jokers, who'd finally claim
That smallest of trophies, the best in the game?
As we sat and we shivered, Down Under they went,
Ambition unbridled, success their intent.
Each man on a mission, a purpose, a quest.
With pride in his heart and three lions on his chest.
Only five skips before had returned with the spoils,
Immortal their names, of legend their toils.
From Jardine to Hutton, Illingworth, Brearley, Gatts,
And now Andrew Strauss with his bowlers and bats.
Then three wins by an innings – no never before,
Not even with Grace in those great days of yore.
The green and the yellow soon flew at half mast,
As the red, white and blue was raised, quite unsurpassed.
The Army went Barmy, Aussie fans were struck dumb,
Kangaroos hopped away, platypuses left numb;
From Melbourne to Sydney, a nation in black,
Shane Warne shed a tear, with no clock to turn back.
The Man of the Series, a young chap called Cook,
His name now enshrined in the game's record book.
The runs from his bat flowed like great vintage wine,
Reminiscent of Gower, with stroke-play divine.
And on that last Friday the ultimate prize,
When Beer stood and faced Tremlett's seven-foot eyes,
His wicket was shattered and victory was sweet,
After twenty five years the job was complete.
So hats off to Strauss and to all of his men,
Stonehenge, fish and chips, and good old Big Ben.
It's good to be British and to say that we won
The Ashes, down under, by three Tests to one.

Michael Claughton, Ashford

Trip of a lifetime

I am writing to offer readers the chance of a lifetime in visiting one of the wonders of the world as part of a fundraising expedition for World Cancer Research Fund.

The charity – which funds cancer prevention research and education – is offering places on three trips in 2011 to see the ruins of Machu Picchu, high in the Peruvian Andes.

Trekkers only need a £475 registration fee to reserve a place and then raise a set amount of sponsorship before embarking on a 10-day journey to this Unesco World Heritage Site.

The hike will take participants off the beaten track to witness rural life amid the spectacular scenery of the Andes. Three trips are being organised in May, September and October.

To sign up or to find out more, visit www.wcrf-uk.org/peru.

Sian Fraser, World Cancer Research Fund

Tracing relatives

Around this time of year it's not unusual for people to think about getting in touch with long-lost family members.

But for those who are adopted, this is not so simple. Contacting birth relatives out of the blue can be exciting, but also unsettling. Most searches and reunions have a positive outcome, but sadly this is not always the case and it is strongly advised that an intermediary is used for initial contact.

This gives the person being contacted time to consider what the reunion will mean for them and their family and allow the adopted person to have support through the process.

The British Association for Adoption and Fostering has produced a free guide to assist adopted adults who are hoping to trace their birth relatives which can be accessed by visiting www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk.

Julia Feast, consultant, BAAF, London

Inspired learners

This year sees the 20th Adult Learners' Week. Since 1992 NIACE has celebrated the outstanding achievements of thousands of remarkable adults who have transformed their lives through learning.

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Richard Crabb, NIACE

Honeymoon's over

I am glad the honeymoon for the Coalition is over, as it is not what I voted for and is proving to be a disaster for the Conservatives.

David Cameron is taking a nosedive in the polls. He, like all Prime Ministers since Heath, will not listen to what the people want – a referendum on Europe. Many in his party who are not happy about this and I can only hope they can force this weak Prime Minister into submission.

RE Tucker, Sheerness

Shameful demise

The killing of the so-called giant fox was outrageous. When vet Keith Talbot puts down dogs and cats, does he string them up on ladders and have a child stand grinning by their lifeless bodies?

I doubt it, because he must know it is offensive in civilised society to treat the body of an animal with such vulgar irreverence. Shame on him.

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MidKent College in Medway is the first college in the South East to gain approval from City and Guilds to operate courses in close protection, which will be delivered from the Rochester Riverside training centre.

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The intensive training programme will be held over 16 days and costs around £2,000.

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CATERED FOR: Food technology students at foodservice company 3663

Pupils given a taste of the food industry

FOOD technology students have been given a glimpse into working in the industry.

The pupils from New Line Learning Academy in Maidstone paid a visit to the foodservice company 3663 in Paddock Wood.

Federation catering manager at the academy, Thierry Leroy, said: "The group was given an in-depth guided tour of the facility and stepped inside a warehouse and chiller, met the sales and distribution teams and tasted a range of exquisite party food."

Plans are under way for repeat visits throughout the year.

Expert advice on how to improve marketing

By **MARIJKE COX**
marijke.cox@kosmedia.co.uk

BUSINESS owners are being given the chance to expand their skills during a specialist workshop designed to help promote companies.

The class is being held at Canterbury Christ Church University's Medway Campus and involves advice from industry experts and the opportunity to develop marketing plans exclusively for each business.

Tara Humphrey, business development manager at the university, said the forum will offer people the chance to improve their marketing.

She said: "Understanding how to market your business, and who to, can improve outcomes in any area of your business.

"But quite often planning in areas such as marketing, where resources can be limited, can not only be very costly, but could also harm your reputation if you get it wrong.

"So for our business forum we are offering Medway businesses the chance to join us for a hands-on workshop."

Experts Joanna Wood, lecturer for the business and management faculty at Canterbury Christ Church University, and Sharon Wilding of The Purple Edge Marketing will offer guidance to attendees who will work specifically on their own marketing plans.

Ms Humphrey said: "They will take you through key steps to crafting a creative and workable marketing plan for your business, with the aim of you leaving with a good draft and the confidence and motivation to complete the job very quickly."

The workshop takes place at Canterbury Christ Church University, Rowan Williams Court, 30 Pembroke Court, Chatham Maritime on Wednesday, January 26, starting at 7.45am and finishing at 10.30am. Tickets are £10 and payable before or on the day.

The workshop follows on from the successful first Medway business forum in October organised by the university which looked at the importance of branding to gain a competitive edge in today's market.

Spaces are limited so to secure a place email tara.humphrey@canterbury.ac.uk or call 01227 782672.

Showcase for artists of tomorrow

URBAN LANDSCAPE: Photograph by Sophia Phillips from Weald of Kent Grammar School

SECONDARY school pupils are holding an exhibition based on the theme of urban landscapes to showcase a new generation of artists.

The Artists of Tomorrow display, which is being shown in the Sidney Cooper Gallery at Canterbury Christ Church University, features photography, graphic work and paintings and will be on show until January 22.

All art work was created around the theme of urban landscapes.

Mike Butler, arts manager at Canterbury Christ Church University, said: "Artists of Tomorrow is a chance for local secondary school pupils to exhibit and showcase their work in a public art gallery.

"In past years it has proved immensely popular with pupils, their families and friends as well as the wider community.

"All the work is of a high standard, and we are delighted to be hosting the exhibition again this year."

Schools participating are Astor College for the Arts in Dover, Homewood School in Tenterden, Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls in Tonbridge, The Norton Knatchbull School in Ashford and Harvey Grammar School for Boys in Folkestone.

The Sidney Cooper Gallery in St Peter's Street, Canterbury, is open Tuesday to Friday, 11am to 5.30pm and Saturday and Sunday, 12pm to 5.30pm.

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emma.foord@terrablu.co.uk
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Interpersonnel
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Highways – Borough of Gravesham

VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESEND - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Various Roads, Gravesend as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 17th January 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 18 months. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Christian Fields Avenue and Warrior Avenue.

Schedule 1

Road Name: **Palmer Avenue**
Extent: Between its junctions with Beckett Mews to outside 91 Palmer Avenue

Road Name: **Hawkins Avenue**
Extent: Between its junctions with Ferguson Avenue to Palmer Avenue

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate continued redevelopment of Christian Fields Estate.

Highways – District of Sevenoaks

BUTTON STREET, SWANLEY - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Button Street, Swanley between its junctions with A20 Gorse Hill (Main Road) and Faminham Hill Road.

The Order will become effective on 31st January 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 7 non-consecutive days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: A20 London Road, B2173 London Road, B2173 High Street, B258 Swanley Lane, Highlands Hill, Swanley Village Road and Button Street.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate replacement of bridge bearings.

CHURCH ROAD, HARTLEY - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Church Road, Hartley between Grange Road and Hartley Hill.

The Order will become effective on 31st January 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 14 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Ash Road and St Johns Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate new gullies, manhole, and connection to soak away and confined space clean of existing soak away.

Highways – District of Swale

CLOCK HOUSE LEVEL CROSSING, BOUGHTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of a level crossing inspection and track maintenance, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clock House Level Crossing, Boughton, on or after
30 January 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

Clockhouse Lane, Boughton will be closed at the Level Crossing. The alternative route is via Clockhouse Lane, Selling Road and Brenley Lane.

The planned closure times are from 1.50 am on 30 January 2011 until 4.10 am on 31 January 2011.

This Order remains in force for up to 18 months and can be re-implemented if required for works of a similar nature.

Highways – Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

(ISMAY ROAD, IGHTHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Ismay Road Ightham from the junction of Sandy Lane, Ismay Road and the junction of Teebs Way, on or after Tuesday 18th January 2011 for a period of up to 1 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is via Common Road and Sandy Lane and vice versa.

BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to complete tree cutting and overhead cabling works.. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Mandy Richardson on 08700500792

(OLD HADLOW ROAD, TONBRIDGE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Old Hadlow Road from outside number 37 to the junction of Stair Road on or after Monday 17th January 2011 for a period of up to 4 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Old Hadlow Road, Cornwallis Avenue, Old Hadlow Road.

Southern Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to up size an existing sewer for a new development. Should you require any further information for these works, the contact is Alan Skipper of Clancy Docwra on 01273 663650.

(PRIORY ROAD, TONBRIDGE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Priory Road at the railway bridge on or after Sunday 6th February 2011 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Priory Road, B2260 Railway Approach, A26 Pembury Road, Goldsmid Road, Priory Road.

Network Rail apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to provide a safety and structural examination of the railway bridge. Should you require any further information for these works, the contact is Emma Osborne of Centurion Traffic Management on 01634 717044.

KATHERINE KERSWELL, Group Managing Director, Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2XQ

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/03948/LBC **Dingleden House Dingleden, Benenden**
- Listed Building Consent - Insertion of three conservation rooflights into rear catslide roof slope to light kitchen (LB)

10/04123/HOUSE **Crockhurst Farm Oast Crockhurst Street, Capel**
- Rebuild and extension of existing stowage (LB)

10/04111/FUL **Dental Practice Golding House, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- New and replacement fencing and gates (CA) (LB)

10/04136/LBC **Whites Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Listed building consent - Extension of the existing basement area beneath the existing dining room (LB)

10/03905/FUL **Marlborough House School High Street, Hawkhurst**
- Single-storey extension to the existing Pre-Prep School to provide Assembly Hall, staff room and WC facilities with SEN classroom and ICT workspace within roof void (LB) (PROW)

10/04124/FUL **School House Farm School House Lane, Horsmonden**
- Demolish modern extensions to rear and porch to side; single-storey extension for new kitchen and rebuild porch; reinstate front door; conversion of existing barn to 2-bed annexe; landscape area between house and barn; two-bay garage to draw driveway away from house (LB)

10/04125/LBC **School House Farm School House Lane, Horsmonden**
- Listed Building Consent - Demolish modern extensions to rear and porch to side; single-storey extension for new kitchen and rebuild porch; reinstate front door; conversion of existing barn to 2-bed annexe; two-bay garage to draw driveway away from house (LB)

10/04107/LBC **Salon 21 Forge House, Lamberhurst**
- Listed building consent - Flood protection measures (LB)

10/04109/LBC **Forge House The Broadway, Lamberhurst**
- Listed building consent - flood protection measures (LB)

10/04117/LBC **1 Hickmots Cottages High Street, Lamberhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Flood protection measures (LB)

10/04118/LBC **Bridge House The Broadway, Lamberhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Flood protection measures (LB)

10/04120/LBC **3 Coggers Cottages The Broadway, Lamberhurst**
- Listed building consent - Flood protection measures (LB)

10/04147/LBC **Archway Cottage Bayham Abbey, Lamberhurst**
- Listed building consent - internal alterations (amended scheme to approved TW/09/01949) to raise sunken floor, re-locate stable rails, incorporate separating wall and alter existing fireplace to accommodate woodburner (LB)

10/04106/FUL **2A Park Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Conversion of workshop into two self contained ground floor flats, consisting of 1 x 1-bedroom flat and 1 x 2-bedroom flat (CA)

10/04113/TELN5 **Outside Beechwood Sacred Heart School, Park**
- Telecommunication notification - installation of new green coloured replacement cabinet shell (CA)

10/04138/FUL **5 Calverley Park Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Extension of Time - Extension of existing building to create eight additional apartments and alterations to front elevation (TW/08/00727/FUL refers) (CA)

10/04139/LBC **2 Calverley Park Crescent Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Listed Building Consent: Reversible infill of internal doorway between kitchen and hallway (LB)

10/04142/LBC **2 Calverley Park Crescent Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Listed Building Consent: To retain replacement rooflight and demountable partition within second floor bathroom already carried out (LB)

10/04122/HOUSE **1 Camden Avenue Pembury, Pembury**
- Demolish existing single storey side extension and replace with two storey side extension with self contained disabled area to ground floor (CA)

10/04056/HOUSE **1 Stone Cottages Groombridge Hill, Speldhurst**
- Demolition of side extension and construction of a two storey side extension plus internal alterations (LB)

10/04070/LBC **1 Stone Cottages Groombridge Hill, Speldhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Demolition of side extension and construction of a two storey side extension plus internal alterations (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 15 January 2011

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice of application for grant/variation of a Premises license. Notice is hereby given that Glyn and Kelly Laybourne have applied to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council for the grant/variation of a premises license in respect of premises known as Rose & Crown, Bran Bridges Road, East Peckham, TN12 5HD.

The Application seeks the license in respect of the following; the sale of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment, the provision of late night refreshment.

With details of the register of record of the application can be viewed at the Tonbridge & Malling Council offices (Licensing Dept) Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling during normal offices hours. Any representations from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the Council by 8th February 2011.

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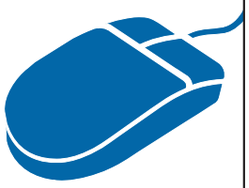

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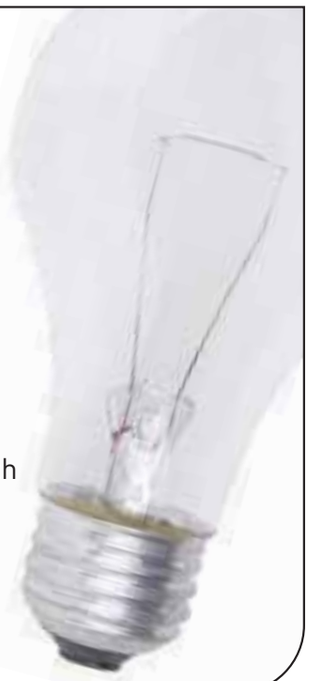

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By **STEVE LOADER**

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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

Good news as Seat extends VAT free deal

SPANISH marque Seat is blowing away post-Christmas gloom with news of an extended VAT-free offer and VAT cuts, just as the UK rate rises to 20 per cent.

The various offers run throughout the first quarter of 2011 to March 31 and is even available to operators of small vehicle fleets as well as private buyers.

The VW-owned marque also points out that Kent commuters into London can benefit from its ultra-low emission and road tax exempt Ibiza and Leon E Ecomotive versions escaping the daily Congestion Charge for the capital – newly hiked from £8 to £10.

Hyundai plays a three-door trick

IT HAS been two years since Hyundai bowed out of the coupe market.

But the various incarnations before the 2002-09 version were, to be honest, pretty horrible to look at and sold largely through the Korean marque's value for money proposition.

Nowadays though, Hyundai sells as much on design as it does on value and, of course, its universal five-year unlimited mileage warranty.

So a new coupe glamour car was well overdue and we'll get one later this year.

It's more than striking to look at too, because the new Veloster will have a unique three-door configuration.

And that's not shorthand for two doors and tailgate; it means two main side doors and one rear side door for easier access to the rear seats, plus disguised exterior handle to maintain the coupe look.

The Veloster will be offered with a new direct injection 1.6-litre petrol engine and a twin-clutch transmission offering the best of manual and automatic driving without a fuel penalty.

New C4 hits the deal straight away

CITROËN'S stylish new C4 went on sale this week, priced from £15,595 and with zero per cent finance deals offered straight away.

Sold only as a five-door model for now, the new car's compact external dimensions contrast with generous internal volumes and a class-leading 408-litre boot.

The French marque has also gone upmarket with the cabin and there are luxury options such as Denon hi-fi and massaging front seats, though spec levels across the three trim levels – VTR, VTR+ and Exclusive – are all generous.

There are four HDi diesel engines and three BMW co-developed petrol units with five or six-speed manual gearboxes and a fuel-saving intelligent six-speed auto/manual EGS 'box.

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Vehicles shown feature metallic paint at extra cost (Spark, Aveo at £375 and Cruze, Captiva at £410). 5 year warranty up to 100,000 miles, expires whichever occurs first. This offer includes Chevrolet's standard Customer Care Commitment for a 2 year unlimited mileage manufacturer's warranty, and third year manufacturer's warranty with a 60,000 mile limitation. The warranty excludes wear and tear and serviceable items and the vehicle has to be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's servicing schedule. *Savings shown are against recommended retail price at time of publication. Calls may be recorded and monitored for training purposes. Prices correct at time of press.

Official Government Environment Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO2 emissions (g/km). Aveo 1.4 LT 5dr: Urban - 35.8 (7.9), Extra-urban - 60.1 (4.7), Combined - 47.9 (5.9). CO2 emissions 140g/km. Captiva 2.0 VCDi LT 5-seat: Urban - 32.1 (8.8), Extra-urban - 45.6 (6.2), Combined - 39.2 (7.2). CO2 emissions 191g/km. Cruze 1.6 S 4dr: Urban - 31.4 (9.0), Extra-urban - 51.4 (5.5), Combined - 41.5 (6.8). CO2 emissions 159g/km. Spark 1.2 LT 5dr: Urban - 42.8 (6.6), Extra-urban - 67.3 (4.2), Combined - 55.4 (5.1). CO2 emissions 119g/km.

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order to save money in the longer term.

In the case of city commuters, the savings are considerable under the revised congestion charge from January 4, when the daily rate rose from £8 to £10.

This means relief worth a potential £2,500 off your motoring budget and on top of the road tax saving and greater fuel economy/savings that go with cars emitting less than 100 g/km of CO2.

Previously, it was only electric cars – a rarity on the market until this year – and hybrids that escaped the charge.

The green stars now exempted are:

CITY CARS

- Hyundai i10
- Smart ForTwo diesel
- Toyota IQ

SUPERMINIS

- Citroën C3 Airdream+
- Citroën DS3 dsl on energy saver tyres
- Fiat 500 TwinAir Dualogic
- Fiat Punto Eco
- Ford Fiesta Econetic
- Peugeot 207 Economique
- Seat Ibiza Ecomotive
- Skoda Fabia Greenline
- Vauxhall Corsa (eight versions)
- VW Polo BlueMotion

FAMILY HATCHBACKS

- Audi A3 Stop-Start
- Ford Focus Econetic
- Mini One and Cooper diesels
- Seat Leon Ecomotive
- VW Golf BlueMotion

EXECUTIVE

- Volvo C30 DRIVe
- Volvo S40 DRIVe
- Volvo V50 DRIVe

HYBRIDS

- Toyota Prius
- Toyota Auris

LIVELY: Fiat 500 TwinAir Dualogic – Italian brand's remarkable car delivers lively performance and fun with ultra-low emissions and excellent economy from a tiny twin-cylinder engine.

VALUE: Skoda Fabia Greenline – an estate model that packs lots in yet costs little to run

BIG PLAYER: Hyundai i10 – the sales success of this five-door mini marvel has established Hyundai as a major force with UK buyers, who used to be snobby about the badge

SMART: Citroën C3 – the new generation five-door supermini arrived last year and is strong on economy across the range, but the aptly named Airdream+ is the eco star

ELECTRIC

- Mitsubishi MiEV
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2008(58) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 2000 miles £8,495
2008(58) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles £8,495
2007(57) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 8000 miles £7,495
2008(57) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 9000 miles £6,995

MAZDA

2008(58) MAZDA 2 2 TAKARA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 5000 miles £9,995
2007(57) MAZDA 3 3 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 8000 miles £8,995
2008(58) MAZDA 6 6 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 21000 miles £7,995
2008(58) MAZDA 6 6 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 16000 miles £7,995
2007(57) MAZDA 2 2 CAPELLA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 miles £6,495
2007(56) MAZDA 2 2 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles £5,995

SUZUKI

2008(8) SUZUKI GRAND VITARA 16V ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLUE, 13000 miles £12,995
2009(59) SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 450 miles £9,495
2009(59) SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles £9,995

TOYOTA

2007(8) TOYOTA RAV4 XT3 VVTI ESTATE AUTO 4x4, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles £13,995
2007(07) TOYOTA RAV4 XT3 VVTI ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLUE, 16000 miles £13,995
2007(07) TOYOTA RAV4 XT3 VVTI ESTATE AUTO 4x4, GREY, 16000 miles £13,995
2007(07) TOYOTA COROLLA VERSO T3 VVTI MPV AUTO, RED, 25000 miles £9,995
2007(57) TOYOTA AVENSIS T3-X VVTI 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 miles £9,995
2007(07) TOYOTA COROLLA T3 VVTI 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles £8,995
2007(07) TOYOTA AURIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles £8,995
2008(08) TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVTI 5DR HATCH AUTO, VENETIAN SILVER, 16000 miles £7,995
2007(56) TOYOTA COROLLA T3 VVTI 5DR HATCH AUTO, XXON BLUE, 13000 miles £7,995
2006(06) TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T3 VVTI MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles £7,495
2005(55) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 5000 miles £7,495
2004(54) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles £6,995
2005(55) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 3DR HATCH AUTO, CRYSTAL SILVER, 5000 miles £6,995
2004(54) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1730 miles £6,995
2007(07) TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVTI 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 21000 miles £6,995
2004(04) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, CRYSTAL SILVER, 6000 miles £6,295
2007(57) TOYOTA AYGO VVT-I+ 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles £5,995
2007(57) TOYOTA AYGO VVT-I+ 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 5000 miles £5,495
2004(04) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH, BLACK, 25000 miles £5,495

NISSAN

2010(10) NISSAN QASHQAI N-TEC 4WD SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles £15,995
2008(58) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles £14,495
2008(08) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles £13,995
2010(10) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1000 miles £11,995
2007(57) NISSAN QASHQAI VISIA 5DR HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles £11,995
2009(09) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, BEIGEBUFF, 9000 miles £9,495
2007(07) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles £8,995
2009(09) NISSAN NOTE VISIA MPV AUTO, GREY, 1800 miles £8,995
2009(09) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 7300 miles £9,495
2009(59) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles £9,495
2010(10) NISSAN PIXO N-TEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 500 miles £7,995
2009(59) NISSAN MICRA 25 ANNIVERSARY 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 miles £7,995
2008(08) NISSAN NOTE ACENTA MPV AUTO, RED, 14000 miles £7,995
2007(07) NISSAN MICRA SPORT CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles £7,995
2006(06) NISSAN MICRA CC SPORT CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 12000 miles £6,995
2007(57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles £6,995
2007(57) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 10000 miles £5,995
2007(57) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 14000 miles £5,995
2006(56) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles £5,995
2004(04) NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, ARUBA BLUE, 12000 miles £4,995
2004(04) NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles £4,495
2003(03) NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 15000 miles £2,995

ASTRA HATCHBACKS

2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA SE 5DR NEW MODEL HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles £13,995
2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA EXCLUSIV 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 1000 miles £9,995
2009(09) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 3000 miles £7,995
2009(09) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 10000 miles £6,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 13000 miles £6,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles £6,995
2006(06) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BEIGEBUFF, 14000 miles £5,495
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 17000 miles £5,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles £5,995

ASTRA ESTATES

2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles £7,995
2009(09) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, SILVER, 14000 miles £6,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, PANNACOTTA, 15000 miles £6,995
2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles £6,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles £6,995
2006(56) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 13000 miles £6,495
2006(56) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 11000 miles £5,995

ZAFIRA MERIVA & AGILA

2009(59) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI TD MPV AUTO, BLACK, 750 miles £13,995
2009(09) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI TD MPV AUTO, GREEN, 7000 miles £13,995
2010(10) VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles £10,995
2009(59) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles £8,995
2009(09) VAUXHALL AGILA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles £8,995
2007(07) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles £8,495
2008(58) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 16000 miles £7,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, TURQUOISE, 13000 miles £7,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles £7,995
2007(57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 16000 miles £7,495
2008(08) VAUXHALL AGILA CLUB MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles £7,495
2007(07) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 19000 miles £6,995
2006(56) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles £6,495
2008(08) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 7000 miles £5,995
2004(54) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 70000 miles £3,995

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2007(57) CHRYSLER PT CRUISER LIMITED 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 13000 miles £8,995

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2007(57) PEUGEOT 307 SW SE ESTATE AUTO, RED, 12000 miles £7,995
2007(57) PEUGEOT 207 SPORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles £7,995
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2007(57) MITSUBISHI LANCER ELEGANCE ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 19000 miles £6,995

HONDA

2007(07) HONDA CR-V I-VTEC EX 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, GREY, 28000 miles £17,995
2007(07) HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, BLACK, 19000 miles £15,995
2007(07) HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, GREY, 11000 miles £15,995
2007(07) HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SPORT ESTATE AUTO 4x4, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 33000 miles £13,995
2006(06) HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SE ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLACK, 38000 miles £11,995
2008(58) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles £10,995
2009(09) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 3000 miles £10,995
2008(58) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles £10,495
2007(07) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 8000 miles £8,995
2005(54) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 33000 miles £5,995

MERCEDES

2009(09) MERCEDES-BENZ CLK CLK200 KOMPRESSOR AVANTGARDE CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 20000 miles £26,000
2007(57) MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180K AVANTGARDE SE SALOON AUTO, CUBANITE SILVER, 20000 miles £13,995
2008(57) MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180 KOMPRESSOR SE SPORTS COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 22000 miles £13,995
2008(58) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A170 AVANTGARDE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 10000 miles £13,995
2009(09) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 AVANTGARDE SE 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 10000 miles £13,995
2007(07) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 20000 miles £8,995
2003(53) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 60000 miles £4,995

VOLKSWAGEN

2010(10) VOLKSWAGEN POLO SE DSG 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles £12,995
2008(57) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 17000 miles £11,995
2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles £9,995
2007(07) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 17000 miles £8,995
2007(57) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles £8,995
2007(57) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 miles £8,995
2007(57) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1400 miles £8,995
2008(58) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH 5DR AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles £8,995
2007(57) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 10000 miles £7,995
2007(07) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 13000 miles £7,995
2007(07) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S (80BHP) 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles £7,495
2007(07) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S 3DR HATCH AUTO, REFLEX SILVER, 16000 miles £7,495
2007(07) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 22000 miles £6,995
2002(02) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 58000 miles £3,495
2001(Y) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 71000 miles £3,495
2001(Y) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH, RED, 63000 miles £2,995

DIESEL AUTOMATICS

2009(09) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI TD MPV AUTO, GREEN, 7000 miles £13,995
2007(07) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC PRIVILEGE DCI 130 FAP 5STR TD MPV AUTO, GOLD, 9000 miles £9,995

MORRIS'S MANUAL CARS

2007(57) MAZDA 5 5 TS2 MPV, BLUE, 13000 miles £8,495
2007(57) VAUXHALL MERIVA ENERGY CDTI TD MPV, BLACK, 34000 miles £6,995
2009(09) HYUNDAI MATRIX CLASSIC MPV, BLACK, 8000 miles £5,995
2006(56) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V TWINPORT 3DR HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles £5,495
2004(04) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVTI 5DR HATCH, BLACK, 25000 miles £5,495
2007(07) KIA PICANTO LX 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 17000 miles £4,995
2008(58) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE PLUS 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 3000 miles £4,995
2007(07) FIAT PANDA DYNAMIC 5DR HATCH, GREY, 8000 miles £4,995
2008(08) RENAULT TWINGO DYNAMIQUE 3DR HATCH, ORANGE, 38000 miles £4,995
2004(04) PEUGEOT 206 SE 5DR HATCH, MOONSTONE SILVER, 39000 miles £3,995
2005(05) VAUXHALL AGILA ENJOY 16V TWINPORT MPV, GOLD, 29000 miles £3,995
2001(Y) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH, RED, 63000 miles £2,995

SKODA

2008(58) SKODA ROOMSTER 2 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles £8,995

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THERE'S a definite transport theme, starting with news from Dartford car producer Caterham, the arrival of P&O Ferries' stunning Pride of Britain, and a diary date to gain an insight into the fast-moving world of the Red Arrows. And savour further proof of growing interest in Kent's food and drink, as championed by the Goods Shed in Canterbury.

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Bargain-hungry shoppers boost second centre

RECORD numbers of shoppers flocked to the Ashford Designer Outlet between Christmas and New Year to boost sales by 21 per cent year on year.

It is the second major Kent shopping centre to report record seasonal results at a time when retail demand has been flat generally – as reported here last week, Bluewater at Greenhithe hit a new peak on December 27.

The Ashford centre, part of the Europe-wide McArthurGlen group, also saw consumer footfall rise three per cent over the holidays.

BUSY: Ashford's Designer Outlet

The retail group attributed the trend to the rise in consumers receiving cash gifts and vouchers due to December's snow disruption, causing families to look for alternative gift ideas. It also believes shoppers adopted a 'bargain-hungry' mentality ahead of the VAT rise from 17.5 per cent to 20.

McArthurGlen Ashford manager David Maddison said: "Many brands including Tommy Hilfiger, Ted Baker, Gap, Next and Marks & Spencer all saw exceptional sales after the festive break. Phase Eight also enjoyed strong sales, trading +35 per cent year-on-year, with dresses the top performing category.

"Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 26-28, were peak sales days, with stores employing additional staff to ensure visitors' shopping experience went smoothly."

But the buoyant news from the big centres continues to jar against gloomy reports from the retail sector overall, notably new figures from the British Retail Consortium this week, which showed sales values falling 0.3 per cent on against December, 2009, though sales volumes actually rose 1.5 per cent.

The BRC also blamed the weather for uncertainty in the sector. Director general Stephen Robertson said: "The unusually early winter weather made a difficult Christmas worse.

"With mounting concerns about the impact of spending cuts and the wider economy, sales growth has been weak since last summer.

"December was always likely to be similarly unspectacular but the snow and ice dealt an extra blow to business for many retailers.

"Catch-up shopping gave a big boost to the week just before Christmas and the post-Christmas clearances were strong for non-food retailing, but neither was enough to replace every sale lost earlier in the month.

"This is no return to the dire picture two years ago, but the message for the Chancellor is: concentrate on delivering growth and leave any new burdens out of your March Budget."

Revealed: First new Caterham in years

SPORTS car maker Caterham has unveiled its first entirely new model for 16 years and it has been designed for track competition rather than the road, *writes Steve Loader*.

The firm, which produces its legendary Caterham 7 two-seater at Dartford, has created the new 300bhp Ford-powered SP/300R for a new one-make race series due in 2012, to cater for the growing popularity of circuit trackdays attracting amateur drivers. The eye-catching £60,000 newcomer has been designed in conjunction with established race car creator Lola of Huntingdon. Sources at Caterham say it is unclear yet whether the project will create new production jobs at Dartford, though this is being looked at. For now, the 25 cars per year are expected to be produced by Lola, which has experience across most motor racing formulas.

Region bears brunt of fraud boom

FRAUDSTERS notched a record 20 per cent increase in scams last year and the South East, including Kent, bore the brunt of it.

Of a UK total of 314 major frauds worth nearly £14 million, our region fell victim to 143 worth £110m altogether, or about 80 per cent.

The next closest was Birmingham and the Midlands, with 46 cases worth nearly £70m.

The figures from accountancy and audit giant KPMG's 'fraud barometer' also showed that 42 per cent of all cases had defrauded the public purse, totalling £571m.

KPMG spokesman Hitesh Patel said the South East's record was a particular concern: "With the average fraud in London and the South East in 2010 worth over £7.5m, the fraudsters are becoming increasingly sophisticated, focusing on big institutions where a successful hit can see them walking away with large amounts of cash.

"Government agencies, like commercial businesses, have been increasingly vulnerable to the threat of fraud. In a year of Government austerity measures, tax increases, rising unemployment and significant structural change, it is hardly surprising that the long fingers of the fraudster have reached into the public purse.

"The greater concentration of population in the South East means a larger number of opportunists and organised fraudsters targeting social welfare budgets," he said.

"Fraud is not a victimless crime, particularly at a time when the deficit is so high. Anti-fraud measures need to be reviewed and amplified by the public sector to combat this assault."

He added that professional gangs, many from abroad, were the biggest concern.

Mr Patel described them as "the chameleons for the fraud world. Constantly changing their colours to creep one step ahead of technological development, exploiting business evolution for nefarious ends" and thriving particularly in the online environment.

Comment

IT'S hard to know whether to applaud or boo Dover Harbour Board's blatant bid to steal some limelight from the arrival of P&O Ferries' new superferry (see opposite).

It wasn't in the same league as the audacity shown by former Labour spin doctor Jo Moore, memorably sacked after proclaiming that 9/11 – the day of the terror attacks on the United States in 2001 – was "a good day to bury bad news".

But it was cheeky of DHB to send out a bulletin to coincide with the berthing of the impressive Spirit of Britain. It should have been a day of rare celebration for Dover's ferry operators, battered by recession and a rejuvenated Channel Tunnel.

French operator LD Lines axed its Dover services last year, SeaFrance is for sale, Norfolk Line merged operations with DFDS last year, and P&O needs Spirit of Britain and its forthcoming sister ship to deliver market-beating economies of scale. The last thing P&O wanted was DHB using the new £150m ship's arrival as an excuse to bang on about a relatively paltry £8m it has spent to facilitate the vessel's use of the Kent port.

Especially when DHB holds some £60m of the big three ferry operators' money in above-inflation tariffs, levied towards funding Dover's forthcoming Terminal 2, and with DHB boss Bob Goldfield insisting he will chase the operators for even more investment cash if necessary – berthing fees are tipped to have risen by 33 per cent by 2012, compared with 2009.

Mr Goldfield also told the ferries recently that they only had their own fare discounting to blame for wavering revenues. But you do wonder whether it will be DHB doing the discounting soon.

If P&O's new investment doesn't deliver and its fellow operators also falter, I don't see too many other ferry operators waiting to leap into berthing with Dover in the current climate, unless the prices moderate.

And maybe it's time DHB battened down the hatches on the PR front, too?

BUSINESS EDITOR STEVE LOADER

Pairing by NatWest boosts SME support

NATWEST has appointed two familiar faces to strengthen its support for the small to medium-size business sector in two areas of Kent.

Steve Clare has become director of commercial banking for Maidstone and Medway, while Dara Chauhan becomes his counterpart for Canterbury, Ashford and Tunbridge Wells.

Mr Clare has lived in Medway all his life and joined NatWest in 1983 at the Gillingham branch. He later joined the Business Centre in West Malling and progressed to business director roles across Kent. He will head the commercial banking team at NatWest's County Gate offices in Maidstone.

Steve Clare

He said: "I'm looking forward to meeting up with familiar faces in the business community and confident we will build on our reputation for supporting the SME sector."

Dara Chauhan was born and raised in Gravesend and joined NatWest in 2002 at the East London Business Centre.

Dara Chaudhan

He has held senior roles in the bank's business arm. He will lead the commercial banking team from NatWest offices in Canterbury, Ashford and Tunbridge Wells.

Mr Chauhan was also confident he could build the bank's reputation: "I'm looking forward to meeting new and existing customers in the business community."

Hall right in the end

DUNCAN MURRAY

AWARD-winning design and construction firm Directline Structures launched a rescue plan after a college sports hall scheme threatened to collapse, ***writes Steve Loader***.

The Ashford-based company has a history of designing and building for the education sector, but was called in late this time after the original project's budget spiralled out of control.

MD Duncan Murray said: "We usually provide the whole package to clients, including design and planning, but in this case we were happy to take over at a critical stage of the development plans.

"We've had years of experience with this kind of project and after reassessing the whole structure, we realised we could make the building far more efficient by redesigning it.

"We worked closely with the college to make sure they got all the facilities they required while adhering to their very tight budget – and saved more than £200,000 of unnecessary costs in the process."

The hall was for Seaford Head Community College in East Sussex, where business manager David Greaves said: "The main challenge was trying to find a contractor who could construct the building we required within the budget.

"We were finding that between making initial inquiries and receiving the final quotation, costs literally doubled.

"Then a neighbouring school recommended Directline Structures and once they started the progress was astonishing.

"The company understands the funding difficulties schools face and has worked hard to try to contain costs. At one point we faced a potential budget overrun of £30,000 just to supply power to the building, but Directline's team worked round the problems we were facing and made sure budgets were met. Their can-do approach has been very refreshing."

Mr Murray said: "We fully appreciate the budget constraints many schools face, so work to make optimum use of space and keep costs down without compromising on quality and efficiency."

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Strive to Lexcel

LAW firm Whitehead Monckton of Maidstone and Tenterden has been awarded the Law Society's Lexcel accreditation.

Lexcel is the profession's practice management standard and is only awarded to solicitors who meet the highest management and customer care standards.

Whitehead Monckton is the first law firm based in Maidstone to achieve Lexcel accreditation. Managing partner Graham Jones said: "I'm extremely proud that Whitehead Monckton has achieved this accreditation.

"We pride ourselves on providing clients with the best service we can and being awarded Lexcel reinforces our belief that our processes and procedures help us to do exactly that."

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MANSTON airport has awarded a multi-million-pound contract for the replacement of its radar. The project will renew both the radar and air traffic display system at the Thanet airport and be carried out by Thales, a world leader in aerospace.

The new radar is needed due to the Thanet Offshore and London Array wind farms in the Thames Estuary, which will have more than 400 giant turbines between them.

The wind farm developers have contributed towards the cost of the project to allow the airport to continue to operate efficiently.

Manston chief executive Charles Buchanan said: "Rotating wind turbine blades can cause radar 'clutter', which can look similar to the radar picture from a moving aircraft.

"Manston's new state-of-the-art radar system, together with a mandatory transponder zone over the wind farms, will allow aircraft to continue to fly safely and efficiently over the wind farms under an air traffic control service."

LAW firm Vizards Wyeth of Dartford is in merger talks with a Liverpool practice, Weightmans.

Patrick Gaul, managing partner of Weightmans, said: "We have spent some time already looking at the strategy and the vision and we are at a stage now where we are investigating whether a mutually acceptable deal can be put together. We would anticipate being able to make a further announcement shortly."

BUSINESSES in Kent can help staff save money and the environment by recommending the Kent Journeyshare website. The timely advice also comes after a rise in fuel duty and VAT. By registering at www.kentjourneyshare.com and searching for the right travel matches, users can either take turns with their driving to and from work, or give someone a lift, in exchange for a contribution to fuel costs.

Kent County Council cabinet member for highways, Cllr Nick Chard, said: "The typical commuter who car shares every day saves about £800 a year, while those who manage to fill all their spare seats often save in excess of £2,000.

"But there are still many drivers who are unaware of how easy it is to find people to share with."

Superferry takes a bow

By **STEVE LOADER** and **MATHEW BEECH**

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P&O Ferries has welcomed a new £150 million flagship to Dover after a three-day delivery voyage from Finland, where she was built.

After braving the largely frozen waters of the Baltic, the 49,000-tonne Spirit of Britain is now making final preparations or 'shakedown' for service on the Dover-Calais route from January 21.

She is the first of two giant ships coming into service for P&O Ferries this year on the route, with her sister Spirit of France due for delivery in September – they replace the Spirit of Dover and Spirit of Calais respectively.

The newcomers can carry twice the capacity of their predecessors – each will accommodate 200 cars and 180 lorries – yet use the same amount of fuel. Care of the environment is also recognised through onboard recycling centres, fitted in anticipation of future legislation.

NEW ARRIVAL: P&O's Spirit of Britain

The two ships' combined cost of 360 million euros represents the largest investment ever by P&O Ferries. Chief executive Helen Deeble said: "We are delighted to welcome this fantastic new ship to Dover. She offers a leap forward in terms of her size and the quality of the build and I'm confident she'll provide a fantastic experience for all the customers who will travel on her in the years to come."

The Port of Dover said it commissioned £8m of investment in its infrastructure over the last two years to support P&O Ferries and its long-term plans.

Port chief executive Bob Goldfield said: "We are pleased to welcome Spirit of Britain to her new home at the Port of Dover.

"The port has responded positively to its customers' needs by adapting its infrastructure over a number of years in order to accommodate the new arrival and it has done so while still maintaining the level of service expected of a world-class port and the gateway to £80 billion of trade each year."

However, his comments mask a simmering row over port tariffs, which have united the three main ferry lines, including P&O, in a war of words with Mr Goldfield's management (see Comment opposite).

Mind your language

FIRMS in east Kent are going continental with courses in business Dutch and French.

Part of Canterbury council's involvement in the EU-funded Transmanche Enterprise Network, the free courses start in early February.

The city council's Natalia Sukhram said: "These courses are aimed at people who want to develop their businesses in Holland, Belgium and France.

Confident

"Everyone is at the same level, beginners or intermediate, so it removes the stress of learning."

Malcolm Austin, MD of promotional gifts company Austin Associates in Broomfield, near Canterbury, is half way through an earlier course. He said: "I'm enjoying this opportunity. I'll feel more confident in being able to use Dutch. The support from the TEN Project doesn't just come from the lessons. I've been taken to exhibitions and am also looking to add a French translation to our website. We've been told there's a market for our products in the Netherlands and I need to explore that."

Annie McNamara, director of Whitstable-based Interactrice, is following the advanced French course and thinks teacher, Virginie Pernot has the balance just right.

She said: "We're covering useful business material, but also getting lots of practice in conversational skills, so we'll feel confident when meeting French business people for the first time.

"And it's working. I've just exhibited at an IT fair in France and made good contacts. The classes will help me develop these relationships. I'm also taking the Dutch course and really enjoying it."

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Teamwork tips from Red 8

TEAMWORK is crucial in any organisation – for the Red Arrows it's a matter of life and death.

How the RAF's world famous aerobatics team achieves and maintains the standard will be a feature at Hospice in the Weald's first ever black-tie corporate dinner, when the guest speaker will be Flt Lieut Dave Davies – the Red Arrows' Red 8.

It will be at the Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Friday, February 18. Hospice in the Weald's Rachel Holweger said: "Dave's slot promises to be packed with adrenalin, in contrast with some of the more light-hearted elements of the programme. There'll be something for everyone."

The Red 8 Event is in association with Uckfield-based consultancy Marketing Eye, and supported by Heartwood Wealth Management in Tunbridge Wells, and services company Brolley of Tonbridge. Other celebrity guests are promised, including former cricket commentator Henry 'Blowers' Blofeld.

There will also be an auction including a holiday at the seven-star Emirates Palace Hotel, Abu Dhabi, and signed memorabilia from the worlds of sport, music and film. For more information, click on www.red8event.co.uk.

Battening down for economic 'perfect storm'

By **STEVE LOADER**
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BUSINESSES are being invited to meetings around Kent to help shape and grow their industries and the county's economy, before a predicted 'perfect storm' inflicted by UK food and energy shortages.

The events, being set up by the Kent Economic Board – a partnership between Kent County Council and other bodies – will target specific sectors with potential to boost local output and growth.

The first will be for food production, horticulture and agriculture and held at East Malling Research conference centre, from 3-6pm, on Wednesday, and is backed by KCC, the National Farmers' Union, the Country Land and Business Association and Hadlow College.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter will open the meeting, looking at company investment and development, what makes a business successful and what entrepreneurial challenges it faces.

Professor Allan Buckwell, director of policy at the CLA, will analyse pressures on profitability, commercial opportunities, and why we should care about Common Agricultural Policy reform. Nick Holmes, a specialist in the rural sector for the accountancy Chavereys, will speak about agriculture and horticulture in Kent. And Oliver Doubleday, MD of Sittingbourne farms group GH Dean & Co, will discuss future priorities for Kent's food sector.

Jon Regan, of Mereworth's Hugh Lowe Farms, will chair the event as Kent Economic Board business champion. He said: "We want to hear from businesses themselves about what will drive investment, tackle skills in the industry and shape business development to secure a prosperous future.

"With food security and sustainability now a real issue and the local priorities of our major international sources of food supply becoming more important than foreign trade, we are indeed approaching [Government chief scientific advisor] Prof John Beddington's 'perfect storm' [on food and energy shortages].

"The need to invest in food production and associated technologies is like never before a vital national interest. With the newly emerging LEPs, the timing of this could not be better."

Feedback from those attending will help business development and planning in Kent.

Future events and sectors in the programme include: Construction and Civil Development; Low Carbon and Energy Production; and Digital and Creative Media, Interactive and Online. For details of venues, dates and times, visit www.keb.org.uk/news-and-events/article/kent-economic-board-sector-meetings/

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Gullands man closes casebook

PARTNER and head of Gullands' residential property team Stephen Tomlinson (pictured left) has opted for a semi-retirement role after a legal career of 47 years. He will be replaced at the Maidstone law firm by Alan Williams, who joins from a practice in Cheshire.

Mr Tomlinson said: "Despite certainly not feeling my age, I've decided I ought to consider retiring and will be working closely with Alan and the rest of the team to ensure a smooth handover for clients in the coming months. I look forward to dedicating more time to my charitable work as a board member for the Abbeyfield Kent Society, which runs care homes in the county, and spending more time with my family."

L&G walks the Walk

FREMLIN Walk shopping centre in Maidstone has been bought by Legal & General's property arm in a massive £92 million deal.

The site has consistently bucked the declining retail trend since the recession hit the UK in 2007. The centre – on the site of the former Fremlins brewery – comprises 350,000 square feet of retail space, including a 100,000 square feet House of Fraser department store.

There are a further 48 retail units, mostly national brands such as Zara, Laura Ashley, Office and Pret A Manger, plus a 760-space car park, all of which are believed to have helped Fremlin Walk defy the economic downturn.

Former co-owners Europa Capital and SCOOP AM were delighted with the deal. Partner Rob Sim, said: "We have been very pleased with the success of investment in Fremlin Walk with our partners, SCOOP AM, as it has provided the fund with a strong income cash flow over the past 18-months.

"The offer from Legal & General Property persuaded us to make an early sale although there are still value enhancement opportunities in the property as we see further improvements in retailer demand."

Fremlins' former Pale Ale Brewery was closed in 1967 after the firm was taken over by rival Whitbread, but the site continued as a bottling and distribution centre and even included some upgrading in the 1980s before re-development and the opening of the shopping centre in 2005.

The former brewery entrance and clock, together with Fremlins' famous elephant logo survives as a pedestrian entrance to the shopping arcade.

Rentals perfectly poised in 2011 property sector

LETTINGS specialist Belvoir has predicted dynamic growth for residential property rentals this year and near perfect market conditions for long-term investment landlords, ***writes Steve Loader***.

Rents are rising as prospective home owners continue to face lending/mortgage barriers, job relocation, and an uncertain financial future.

"Across our region, demand from tenants continues to grow and exceeds supply as many consumers are deciding to rent rather than buy," according to Karen and Peter Huane, who run the Belvoir office in Rochester.

"Consumers are feeling the pinch, still worried about the impact of cutbacks and a possible ongoing recession, and deciding it's wise to wait before committing themselves to a long-term house purchase.

"We are seeing a rise in residential lettings, which I believe will continue throughout 2011 and, with rental values expected to continue a pattern of steady growth as the year goes on, it's never been a better time to be either a landlord, or indeed a tenant, with all the security which comes with renting."

Latest research by the Association of Residential Lettings Agents shows nationwide demand for rental properties has rocketed to an eight-year high. More than 70 per cent of letting agents across the UK report surging demand, reaching double that experienced in 2007 at the peak of the property boom.

Belvoir is a nationwide group handling a property portfolio worth up to £3bn and MD Dorian Gonsalves feels the impact of the Government's comprehensive spending review will have a significant impact on the market.

He said: "With hundreds of thousands of public sector job cuts planned for 2011 and families on lower incomes facing dramatic benefit reductions, there will be less ability or willingness to commit to a mortgage.

"I believe these exceptional market conditions, which include falling property prices, continued low interest rates and unprecedented tenant demand, will provide a major boost to the residential property market and a fantastic opportunity for long-term investment landlords."

Reviewing 2010, his firm highlighted:

- Exponential growth in rental requirements, with an over-supply of prospective tenants and an under-supply of landlords.
- Due to the slow down in residential property sales, many estate agents entered the lettings market with no prior expert knowledge of the sector, leading to increased competition for quality properties and difficulties in some areas.

And looking ahead to 2011:

- Lettings will grow – Belvoir predicts rents will increase by 5-10 per cent this year.
- Renting will be the preferred alternative to home ownership, allowing greater mobility. As we come out of recession, people will feel more comfortable about changing jobs and become increasingly mobile in their search for the right work.
- Residential sales will struggle for the foreseeable future as banks maintain a tough line on lending and mortgages.
- Long-term investors in buy-to-let property will attract much needed private capital in the local residential property market. With the scaling down of Government schemes such as Homebuy, new initiatives will be needed to increase the flow of properties onto the market and keep the recovery on track.

OPPORTUNITY: Belvoir's Dorian Gonsalves

National profile for city's Goods Shed with Times praise

CANTERBURY'S 'foodie' flagship, the Goods Shed, has secured valuable national profile in the Sunday Times.

The cathedral city was chosen as one of the heavyweight paper's top five destinations for food lovers in its travel section cover story for the New Year, and the former railway depot turned local produce emporium was the only store featured.

"An amble round a farmers' market, picking up a chutney here, an organic parsnip there, is good for both the soul and the larder," was one of the salivating lines from the report.

The Goods Shed has already been held up as a successful example of how small traders can work together to create a market for all their products, and was also picked by tourism champion Visit Kent for its big budget poster campaign last year to promote the county in London (poster pictured left). Goods Shed landlord Susanna Atkins owns the butchers, and The Larder, and rents out remaining space to small independents who could never afford the rental cost of their own shops, but do 'buy into' the ethos that every trader helps each other.

She said: "The Goods Shed operates with a good deal of trust and cooperation between the different businesses it is home to, allowing us to tackle the overheads as a group, reducing each individual's running costs.

"That in turn allows us to be more creative and experimental. Prices here are far more reasonable than people expect. Which is one of the things we hope will keep them coming in the year ahead.

"We are the fine food hall at the other end of the high-speed line from St Pancras and that is definitely bringing people here."

All-new food and drink bible

COUNTY food and drink champion Produced in Kent has launched an all-new edition of its consumer 'bible' Kent's Finest.

This celebration of the best food and drink Kent has to offer has been published with help from LEADER, a funding programme run by Defra and the EU, and is available free at independent shops and direct from Produced in Kent.

Membership of the organisation rose 17 per cent last year and its annual flagship, the Taste of Kent Awards, drew an 89 per cent increase in public voting and a real uplift in awareness and business for many of the winners. Karen Williams, owner of the award-winning Mulberry Tree restaurant at Boughton Monchelsea, near Maidstone, said "People love Kent produce, they love nothing more than dining in an award-winning restaurant, enjoying food made with the finest Kentish ingredients and produce, accompanied by the county's outstanding wines, beers and juices."

As consumer spending continued to be flat, Produced in Kent went on the offensive by also publishing The Producers' Handbook in 2010, a cutting-edge guide to help food and drink producers not only set up, but also succeed, in a new business. It was just one of a number of successes during the year according to Produced in Kent manager Julie Monkman, who added: "The year has been a dynamic one and the team worked incredibly hard at engaging and creating products that will be of genuine value to the many members and stakeholders that we serve. We are aware we need to communicate with our members and assist them on many levels and we endeavour to offer just that, using a medium and pace they feel comfortable with and can engage with."

Tonbridge runners in cross-country championships medal haul

By DAVID PRITCHARD

A SERIES of impressive results saw Tonbridge Athletic Club reaffirm their dominance of the county junior cross-country scene.

The club scooped 21 individual and team medals at the Kent County Cross Country Championships at Wilmington Grammar School in Dartford last weekend.

After achieving success on a national level in recent years Tonbridge were expected to figure strongly at the front end of the junior boys races, but their stranglehold on some of the events was remarkable.

Dartford's Nick Wood, who claimed a silver in the junior men's race, was the only non-Tonbridge athlete to win a medal in the four junior events.

Tom Cox, Luca Russo, George Duggan and Stuart Brown won their respective races, which often resembled club runs. In the under-13 boys Tonbridge had the first five runners home, an achievement which was then dwarfed by the under-17 men's team, who had 10 of the first 12.

The girls' teams had less success, but still came home with a clutch of medals. Sophie Wilkinson won the junior women's race, while Alice Wood's silver helped the under-15 girls team claim second place.

Success

Mark Hookway, Tonbridge's cross-country team manager, was happy to see the strength in depth coming through.

He was particularly pleased with the biggest ever contingent in the men's senior race, which bodes well for translating the junior success into the older age groups in years to come.

He said: "I don't think there were any real surprises. It was nice that Luca Russo won the under-17s, he often plays second fiddle to Robbie Farnham-Rose.

"Tom Cox, who won the under-20s, was a very popular winner, he's worked so hard over the last couple of years. It's good to have a couple of people winning who aren't used to it.

"I'm really focused now on trying to establish a very good senior men's team. A lot of those under-17s and under-20s are right on the fringe of being seniors and can be next year. Even as 18-year-olds they will hold their own and we should start seeing the best ever performances at senior level."

Many of the runners were looking to follow their success up this weekend at the Kent Schools Cross Country Championships at Swanley Park. The main events for the winter season are now swiftly approaching, with the South of England Championships on January 29 and the National Championships next month.

While the club were enjoying their medal rush, Farnham-Rose and Andy Combs were in Edinburgh running for Great Britain under-20s in the Men's International Team Challenge.

Combs came home 32nd, a little over two minutes behind winner Mo Farah, while Farnham-Rose was 44th. The latter has also been selected to run for England under-20s in an international race at Elgoibar in Spain, later this month.

Pictures: IGOR KUPCO

IN THE THICK OF IT: Tonbridge AC runners ran to a 21-medal haul at the championships held in Dartford last weekend

TONBRIDGE ATHLETIC CLUB MEDALS

MEN

SENIOR MEN: Team gold, first 12 to score, team silver, first six to score

JUNIOR MEN: Gold, Tom Cox; bronze, James Taylor; team gold

UNDER-17 MEN: Gold, Luca Russo; silver, Chris Lloyd; bronze, Charlie Joslin-Allen; team gold

UNDER-15 BOYS: Gold, George Duggan; silver, Max Nicholls; bronze, Sean Molloy; team gold

UNDER-13 BOYS: Gold, Stuart Brown; silver, Euan Nicholls; bronze, Toby Ralph; team gold

WOMEN

JUNIOR WOMEN: Gold, Sophie Wilkinson

UNDER-17 WOMEN: Team gold

UNDER-15 GIRLS: Silver, Alice Wood; team silver

UNDER-13 GIRLS: Team bronze

MEDAL TOTALS

12 individual (4 gold, 4 silver, 4 bronze), 9 team (6 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)

Regional squad trial progress for county duo

TWO west Kent youngsters have been selected for the next stage of regional rugby trials ahead of the annual divisional festival in February.

Cranbrook's Harry Sloan, who also represents Skinners School, is one of 34 players trialling for a place in the London & South East under-18 side alongside Joshua Pettett, who plays for Sevenoaks and Cranbrook School.

The pair will also be joined by Bromley's James Canty at the trial, taking place over the weekend of January 29 at Old Paulines FC in Thames Ditton, Surrey.

After a trial game against their south-west counterparts, the group will be whittled down to 23 in time for the national festival at Broadstreet RFC, near Coventry, which runs from February 18-20.

Pictures: BRUCE ELLIOTT

TRIAL: Harry Sloan

Jackson re-signs for Motorbase

MOTORBASE Performance have retained the services of multiple race winner Mat Jackson for the 2011 British Touring Car Championship (BTCC), ***writes Tom Howard.***

The team had to fight off competition from the works Chevrolet squad for Jackson's signature, but the 29-year-old has opted to pen a new deal with the Wrotham-based independent outfit. He will join Porsche Carrera Cup graduate Liam Griffin as part of Motorbase's three-pronged Ford Focus-led attack on the championship.

Jackson, who drove for Motorbase last year, is one of the BTCC's most promising drivers with 12 race wins, including a triumph during the rain at the early season meeting at Brands Hatch last year.

Motorbase owner David Bartrum is delighted to have two of his three touring car seats filled with 10 weeks remaining before the season begins at Brands Hatch in April.

The situation is a stark contrast compared to this time last year, when the team were contemplating a campaign on the sidelines due to a lack of sponsorship.

Bartrum said: "I am pleased Mat has decided to race for us again. We always intended to keep him for this season, but there was a chance for him to go to Chevrolet.

"Mat is a key player in the touring car paddock and has all the potential to be a really great driver. We have got a new car for this year so to have some continuity in the team with Mat is going to help us.

"It's great to have two of the seats filled at this stage of the season and we can even start thinking about a testing programme, which we were unable to do last year. We have beefed up our team on the engineer front too so we are in a great position."

The team are yet to announce who will drive the third car, but it is understood they are in talks with Steven Kane and Ben Collins, formerly BBC Top Gear's 'The Stig'.

Pictures: NICK DUNGAN

PROMISING: Mat Jackson showed his potential for Motorbase last season, with 12 race wins

Gymnasts' move halted

Weald's move to bigger hall cancelled at last-minute

By STEVE TERVET

JOY quickly turned to despair for the Weald of Kent Gymnastics Club this week when their hopes of relocating to a larger venue were dashed at the eleventh hour.

Having feared their plans to develop a property on the Paddock Wood industrial estate would be turned down, club bosses were elated to discover their application had been granted at a Tunbridge Wells Borough Council planning meeting on Monday night.

The next morning, however, head coach Jacky Leman was told the unit had already been let for storage and was no longer available for the club to hire.

With their base at the East Peckham sports hall far too small to accommodate the demand for gymnastics in west Kent, the Weald will now be unable to grow until a fresh solution can be found.

"We're devastated," Leman said. "The planning officer was going to turn it down, but we came away absolutely jubilant because we'd got planning permission with a unanimous verdict. Two councillors spoke for us and the chairman was very supportive.

"However, we spoke to the agent on Tuesday and he's let it to somebody else. We knew they did have some other people in the offing and they always said they would prefer an industrial user [rather than leisure]. I think, because the planning report on December 20 recommended refusal, that's why they went ahead with somebody else."

CRAMPED: Weald competition in the tiny East Peckham sports hall

The club has overcome its restrictions to produce several regional champions in the last year, but Leman now expects some of her top performers to leave the Weald for clubs with greater facilities.

In recent times, the club has increased from 40 recreational gymnasts to a group of 170, which includes several top-level performers, but their squad gymnasts get only nine hours of coaching each week due to the limited space.

With Pegasus Gymnastics Club continuing to provide a solid base for the county's young gymnasts to compete in the regional and national arenas, several Weald members could now opt to further their development at the Bearsted-based club.

"We're right back to square-one because there are no other suitable units on that estate," Leman said. "It means we can't expand, we can't take the rest of the children off the waiting list and it means we can't compete with other clubs with their own dedicated facilities.

"Where we might have eight gymnasts waiting to use one beam, they have eight beams. We'll always lose most of our talented youngsters to other clubs and they will travel 40 minutes each way for training."

Drivers bid for new deals on wheels

DEALS will be done for the new motorsport season at the Autosport International show this weekend and several west Kent drivers are in the mix to announce their plans for 2011.

The four-day event at the NEC in Birmingham sees the industry come together and is traditionally the time when line-ups are unveiled.

Adrian Quaife-Hobbs is one such hopeful and the Tonbridge racer will have his eye on the one remaining GP2 seat at Scuderia Coloni, the squad he tested with in Abu Dhabi last year.

If the 19-year-old is to make the step up from GP3 it will have to come quickly, with the GP2 Asia series beginning on February 12. Failing that, another possible option he is looking at is in the Formula Renault 3.5 series.

Tunbridge Wells' Jonathan Kennard is likely to be at the show. His focus is on the Le Mans Series and the 25-year-old has been in talks with several sports car teams about another year in the competition.

Jake Hill is yet to confirm his 2011 plans, but is looking to agree a deal to race in the Formula Renault UK Championship or the Ginetta G55 Cup. The teenager from Goudhurst's drive is likely to depend on sponsorship, but the Ginetta Cup does carry the significant added incentive of a season in the 2012 British Touring Car Championship for the winner.

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

CONTRACT: Jake Hill, pictured racing last year, is hoping to agree to race in the Formula Renault UK Championship or the Ginetta G55 Cup this season

Jay Bridger's offers could be determined by deals made elsewhere. The Horsmonden driver is most likely to stay for another season in Formula 3, but he has been investigating a switch to F2 or sportscars.

Team set for a bumpy ride in treacherous powerboat race

A TEAM from Kent have signed up for an event billed as the world's toughest and longest powerboat race.

Team 26 announced this week they would be entering the Cowes-Monte Carlo Grand Prix, scheduled to be held in 2013.

It is only the second time the race has been staged, following on from the inaugural running in 1972.

At 2,400 miles, the course is split into 14 stages up to 300 nautical miles long, which will see teams at sea for up to seven hours a day.

Team 26, who are based in Edenbridge, have joined an international field from across Europe who have already signed up.

It is a new test for the team, who broke a world speed record for their class in November by averaging more than 100 miles per hour at Coniston Water in Cumbria.

Daniel Cramphorn, from Canterbury, and Kim Collins will pilot the 43-foot powerboat along with veteran offshore racer Craig Barrie, who works for US boat manufacturers Donzi.

ON COURSE: Team 26 are set to take part in the Cowes-Monte Carlo Grand Prix

Cramphorn said: "To be given the privilege of competing in a Donzi in what I'm sure will be the world's greatest powerboat race is as good as it gets.

"The race will obviously be the biggest challenge we've faced, but with the help of Craig's experience and our great support crew, there really is only one position we plan on being in when we cross the line in Monte Carlo."

Kent sport stars have their say on twitter

The pick of this week's tweets from the county's sports stars

IT DOESN'T take too much to get Kent skipper Rob Key venting his spleen online. This week's hot topic was the player auction for the Indian Premier League, where he was none too impressed to see three of his club-mates overlooked.

@RobKey612: "Some absolute dross being signed up in the ipl.

"How on earth does George Bailey get bought and d Stevens doesn't. clueless."

Before adding, with a trace of sarcasm: "Apparently kylie minogue, Paul hogan, Jim Robinson, Alf stewart (pictured) and ernie dingo have all been signed up do this years ipl."

Everyone knows injuries are like Kryptonite to sportsmen and women and it seems Gillingham defender Tony Sinclair is reaching the end of his tether after six weeks out.

@SINCS29: "Why the hell does everyone feel the need to look at my boot cast!!! Imma write a note saying fractured toe and stick it on my head!"

England's women are Down Under looking to rub more cricketing salt into Australian wounds.

Kent batsman Susie Rowe won her first One-Day International cap this week, but was more pre-occupied with the lack of security at Perth's airport.

@susierowe6: "That was stressful... it was like DIY check in, take the bags to the plane, put the stickers on your bags... not so sure about qantas..."

After appearing on Famous and Fearless last week, Dame Kelly Holmes has been plugging her new book. Not sure about her New Year's resolution though, I think you're supposed to have one for 2011 first.

@damekellyholmes: "Ok off to start training this belly to get my six pack back!!! My mission for 2012 is to get fit, look fit and get ready for other challenges."

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Relf rises in Kent reshuffle

Academy director lands dual role as coach and club analyst

EXCLUSIVE

By GLENN PEARSON

KENT have shuffled their coaching pack and promoted Academy director Phil Relf to assistant coach of the first-team.

Relf will also be the club's full-time analyst, taking over from Craig Buckham, and has been tasked with generating income for the cricket department during the winter months.

Simon Willis will revert back to Academy director, a post he held in 2003, and will also manage the club's 2nd XI, while head coach Paul Farbrace is set to oversee Kent's coaching set-up and be responsible for the first-team in a director of cricket role.

The move has come in the wake of redundancies at St Lawrence as the club continue to look to make cut-backs and balance their finances.

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MOVING UP: Phil Relf will be assistant coach and Simon Willis is the new Academy boss

Jamie Clifford, Kent chief executive, said: "It's connected to the redundancy process, their roles were at risk in that process, and we looked at what they do and how they do it. Simon will run the Academy and the 2nd XI, while Phil is going to do two things which is be first-team assistant coach and cricket projects manager, which will look at revenue generating.

"I think it is a good opportunity for Phil to work within the professional sphere and add value to the coaching department in a way that perhaps we haven't to this point."

Relf took over from Farbrace as Academy director when the latter became assistant coach of Sri Lanka in 2007 and has since seen the likes of Matt Coles, Alex Blake and Sam Northeast forge first-class careers with the county. Stepping up to work with the first-team and assisting Farbrace is something Relf, a former sports teacher at Borden Grammar School in Sittingbourne, is looking forward to.

"As a coach, just as the players have got to be ambitious, it's important you don't get comfortable for too long and the good thing about the Academy role last year was that it evolved and I was able to spend some time with the first-team, so it feels as though it is a natural progression to some extent," he said.

"I'm really pleased and it's something I'm really looking forward to. The Academy role has been something I have really enjoyed and that has developed my coaching massively.

Influence

"I've had great support from the club and been able to work with the likes of Simon Willis, Graham Ford, Farby obviously and also some of the senior players like Simon Cook, James Tredwell and Rob Key, who have all had an influence. Those sorts of players have really helped develop my coaching."

After Kent's relegation to Division Two of the County Championship, Relf believes combining his role as a full-time analyst will be beneficial, particularly to the youthful element of the squad.

He said: "Having someone on board full-time that is able to access footage will be important, especially as we will be coming up against sides that we haven't faced for 12 months and playing on grounds that we haven't done for a couple of years.

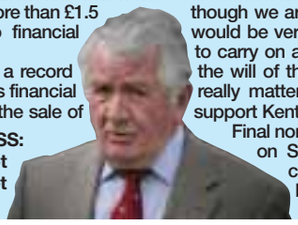
"Our job as coaches is to provide the players with as much information as possible and then it's down to them if they take that on board or not. There are some that lap it up and some that it's not their cup of tea, but our challenge is to make it meet their demands."

Kennedy aims to retain chairman's seat

CHAIRMAN George Kennedy insists he has unfinished business and intends to stand for re-election at Kent's Annual General Meeting.

The club chairman, who has been in office for three years, has come under fire from a section of the Kent membership during an uncertain period at St Lawrence which has seen the county lose more than £1.5 million in the last two financial years.

Kent are due to post a record profit in February for this financial year, which is down to the sale of two plots of land, and although tempered by the news there will still be a significant operational loss, Kennedy is certain he is the man to lead the county forward.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS: George Kennedy is not ready to step down yet

Picture: ADY KERRY

"I came in at a time when the recession was just hitting and we had to make some pretty tough decisions and make redundancies and it has been hard, but I really feel as though we are on the right track now and I would be very disappointed if I wasn't able to carry on at this stage," he said. "But it's the will of the members and that's all that really matters. Whatever happens, I'll still support Kent."

Final nominations for election were due on Saturday, which looks to have come too soon for Kent member Graham Holland who was hoping to stand for election to the committee and unseat one of either Kennedy, Graham Johnson or Joe Rice.

Holland didn't meet the rules of the club which states that an election candidate has to be a member for more than three years.

Jamie Clifford, Kent's chief executive, said: "He won't be able to stand. This is not personal against Graham Holland; we have had two other people in the last four or five years who have not been able to stand because of the rules of the club. I have respect for Graham and I'm pleased that someone wants to put themselves for nomination, which he will be able to do next year because he would have completed the three consecutive years."

This year's AGM is on March 21.

Suns' star player Mason set for move to Sweden

SEVENOAKS Suns may be on the verge of losing their star player as Great Britain international Ros Mason considers an offer to play professionally in Sweden.

Mason, the most-capped GB woman of all time, has spent this season with the Suns in order to boost her chances of playing at the 2012 London Olympics after she fell down the international pecking-order.

However, head coach Len Busch fears he may have seen the last of the 31-year-old in Sevenoaks colours, although he still hopes Mason can be persuaded to stay.

"Ros may be going to play in Europe," he said. "She's had an offer from a team in Sweden and that will hurt us if she goes.

"She's all about the higher level of basketball, but it might be better for her to stay because she's been to Europe before, but she's never had a whole season working on her game.

"From our point of view, it's been so good for the young players to go against her in practice."

Mason was back on form, scoring 21 points, as the Suns started the year with a 72-61 win over Leeds Carnegie last weekend, although Busch believes his senior side can challenge for a play-off spot even without her services.

ON HER WAY OUT?: Ros Mason

Meanwhile, the Suns coach has not ruled himself out of the running for the vacant team manager's position in the GB senior women's set-up, having already spent several years working with the country's junior sides.

With the job tailored around a part-time contract during the club season, Busch would be able to continue his Suns commitments were he to throw his name into the hat.

Oaks target indoors top tier

SEVENOAKS men are on the verge of promotion to hockey's top indoor division just over a year after entering the competition for the first time at county level.

Having never played indoor hockey before last season, Oaks raced through Kent and regional qualifying before winning Division Two South and then the national title to book their place in Division One.

Expected to struggle against tougher opposition, Sevenoaks travelled to Birmingham as an unknown force last weekend, but they now stand on the threshold of the Premier Division after out-scoring their more experienced rivals.

A sluggish start saw the west Kent side take only a point from their two Saturday games, but they hit top gear the following day with 16 goals in wins over Havant and Bournville to leave themselves just a point off the promotion places.

Manager Pete Barker said: "Having started off in the Kent League last year, to now be on the verge of promotion from Division One really would be a unique, exceptional achievement. The standard is higher than last year, there's no doubt about that, but having now seen all the teams in this division, we can beat anybody."

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PROGRESS: Sevenoaks (in purple) are closing in on the Premier Division

This weekend sees Oaks conclude their campaign at Cocks Moors Woods against Barford Tigers and Team Bath, with Barker hoping for more fireworks from forwards Ben Allberry and Rufus McNaught-Barrington.

With 14 goals between them, the pair helped fire Oaks back in contention last weekend and Barker believes his side has the firepower to break into the top-two.

"I think we surprised people last weekend," he said. "The games over the second weekend look harder, but as long as we come out of the blocks properly, we've got a chance of challenging for promotion, which would be fantastic."

Meanwhile, the Oaks women will be looking to preserve their own Division One indoor status after two wins and two defeats at the opening round at Lilleshall.

TJs bid to make up for last Wimbledon clash

Poor display earlier in season left bad taste, says coach

By DAVID PRITCHARD

Tonbridge Juddians RFC v Wimbledon RFC

KICK-OFF 2.15PM AT THE SLADE

IN A season of near perfect results even victories can leave Tonbridge Juddians dissatisfied and they are keen to make amends for a flat performance against Wimbledon earlier in the campaign.

A 16-12 victory in south London gave the visitors the points when the sides met in October, but the display left a bad taste in the mouth.

Since then TJs have rarely threatened to play as poorly, building a cushion at the top of the London 1 South table. Wimbledon have not fared as well and needed a narrow 10-8 win against bottom side Chobham last weekend to ease their relegation fears slightly.

With the relative form of the two sides, anything other than a home win would be a shock this afternoon, but TJs coach Peter Dankert is also looking for a vastly improved performance.

He said: "We were dreadful on that day but we're a much improved team since. We've already talked about putting that result right this weekend.

"Wimbledon are in the bottom half so they'll be scrapping to avoid relegation. In some ways, the second-half of the season is tougher than the first because the teams at the top and the bottom are both scrapping for promotion or relegation."

Pete Jennings (shoulder) is likely to miss the game, but TJs should have Logan Chandler back after 12 weeks out with an ankle injury.

Confidence will not be an issue after TJs came from 10-8 behind at half-time to win at nearest challenges London Irish Amateur 25-21 last weekend. It opened up an eight-point lead at the top to put Dankert's side firmly on course for a third successive league title.

He said: "We weren't worried about the scoreline at half-time, we stuck to the game plan and we got two quick tries straight after half-time. After that, they ran it at every opportunity and we really worked hard – the players were dead on their feet afterwards."

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

BLOW: Pete Jennings is likely to miss the game after recurrence of his shoulder injury

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

OUT: Drew Crush is suspended

Frustration sets in as Wells look for progression

Tunbridge Wells v Phoenix Sports

KICK-OFF 3PM AT CULVERDEN STADIUM

FRUSTRATIONS are rising at Culverden Stadium as Tunbridge Wells look to settle their Kent Senior Trophy tie against County League side Phoenix at the fourth attempt.

Postponed once before Christmas and twice in the last week, the game will decide VCD Athletic's opponents in the last-eight and Wells manager Martin Larkin insists the competition remains a priority for his side.

He said: "We want to win it. We spoke at the start of the season about wanting to win either the league cup or the county cup and this is now our last chance. We're desperate to get to a cup final and Hythe, Herne Bay and Beckenham are all on the other side of the draw.

"Phoenix will be a tough game, but if we can overcome them, it's VCD next, Sevenoaks or Lordswood in the semi-final and all four teams will be thinking they've got a really good chance."

Larkin welcomes back goalkeeper Michal Czanner this afternoon, while Perry Spackman and Drew Crush remain suspended following their red cards in the FA Vase defeat at Leverstock Green.

Looking to end a run of three straight defeats in all competitions, the Wells will be particularly mindful of their recent defensive shortcomings, having conceded 10 goals in their last three outings.

Fifth time lucky for Town's trophy tie

AT LAST: Sevenoaks, (left) pictured against Holmesdale earlier this season, have had trophy tie called off four times

Sevenoaks Town v Holmesdale

KICK-OFF 3PM AT GREATNESS PARK

THERE'S likely to be a lot of fingers being crossed in the Sevenoaks area this morning as Town look to make it fifth time lucky in getting their Kent Senior Trophy tie with Holmesdale under way.

Snow and freezing conditions have made way for rain and a waterlogged Greatness Park pitch, leaving Town without a game for eight weeks and club bosses fearful of any further postponements.

For manager Keith Levett, it's an equally frustrating time as he has not had much time with his players in the last couple of months, although he was hopeful of getting some training in this week after Tuesday night's game with Hythe also fell foul of the weather.

It also means new signings Mike Lord and Chris Edwards have not had much time to gel with the squad since signing for the club, and Levett is just hoping to get some games in before his side face a major fixture backlog.

"It's certainly frustrating as a manager not being able to get the games in, but what it is like for the players I just can't imagine," he said.

"It's just one of those things that keeps happening, so we'll just have to use this game to get ourselves back into the swing of things."

Malik Fofana has decided to join Erith Town after the Kent League title hopefuls put in a seven-day request.

Bartley set to miss Portsmouth trip

Portsmouth RFC v Tunbridge Wells RFC

KICK-OFF 2PM AT RUGBY CAMP

TUNBRIDGE Wells must cope without influential skipper Iain Bartley as they make their longest away trip of the season to face in-form Portsmouth.

Bartley's work commitments mean he cannot make the journey west and the Wells may also be forced into a couple of other changes from last weekend's home defeat to Haywards Heath.

Only a late Ollie Lewis-Donaldson try rescued a scrap of consolation for the Wells in a 29-7 reverse at St Mark's, although 1st XV manager Tom Callaway insists there were positives to take from the performance.

"We denied them a bonus point so we were happy with that," he said. "We finished strongly. In the last 20 minutes we gave them a good shot and the physicality of the side was definitely there. We know we've still got a lot of work to do, but the consistency in our selection is definitely starting to show.

"The problem against Haywards Heath was that we played with 13 men for almost 10 minutes, but they didn't score a try during that spell, they weren't able to take advantage."

Wells head coach Jim Scully will reach to both ends of the age spectrum at Portsmouth, with veteran prop Nick Sedgwick recalled to the side, while 17-year-old JJ Redman takes his place on the 1st XV bench for the first time.

Picture: BRUCE ELLIOTT

TOUGH TRIP: Tunbridge Wells travel to Portsmouth

Cranes' tough away day test

Eastbourne RFC v Cranbrook RFC

KICK-OFF 2PM AT HAMPDEN PARK

CRANBROOK face another tough away trip this afternoon as they go in the hunt for their first points in seven games.

Ironically, their last win came against today's opponents, a 20-16 win in October, but Eastbourne have improved since then and sit comfortably sixth in London 3 South East. Cranbrook returned from the festive break with a narrow 20-15 defeat to Crawley last weekend, which leaves coach Mike Catt's side second bottom in a division that is beginning to look a step too far for an inexperienced side.

ANGELS PREPARE FOR GRUELLING SCHEDULE

Warrilow to shuffle his pack with Monday night in mind

By DAVID PRITCHARD

Tonbridge Angels v Billericay Town

KICK-OFF 3PM AT LONGMEAD STADIUM

AFTER the famine which saw Tonbridge go five weeks without a game, comes the feast with the Angels facing two games in a little over 48 hours.

Billericay Town visit Longmead this afternoon, before the Angels visit Wealdstone on Monday night.

The number of games rearranged following the cold snap last month means they will be playing twice a week until the first week in March.

Faced with a gruelling schedule, exacerbated by Wealdstone's decision to play their midweek home games on a Monday, it has left Angels boss Tommy Warrilow considering shuffling his pack to cope with the next two games.

Common sense

He said: "With the heavy pitches and the amount of games we've got to play there are going to be some tired legs. Some may have to sit out on Saturday so they're right for Monday's game, you have to use a bit of common sense.

"I'm not a great lover of the Monday games; it's too close to Saturday and only gives you one day to recover."

The main concerns were over Lewis Taylor and Ben Judge, who had slight hamstring strains earlier this week and may not be able to play 180 minutes in such a short space of time.

Today's game is the first meeting between the two sides since the Angels lost 3-0 in Essex on the opening day of the season. It began a disastrous run of six defeats from the first nine games in all competitions, which saw the pressure build on Warrilow's highly-fancied side.

In almost four months since then the Angels have experienced a dramatic turnaround in form, losing just twice, including an excellent 2-1 win at high-flying Bury Town a week ago.

It has seen them climb to the fringes of the Ryman Premier's play-off race and Warrilow is keen to continue the run against Billericay, which would also help make amends for the reverse fixture.

He said: "They play to their strengths, they're a big physical side but we want to get a bit of retribution for the game at their place. We had a lot of chances in the first-half, but didn't take them and in the end I had no qualms about the result. In all we've only lost two in the last 18. Obviously the massive gap in between hasn't helped, but at least the last two games we've kept it going.

"Credit goes to everyone, the start of the season on paper I had a great set of lads, but it just never seemed to click into place.

"Luckily enough a few changes in personnel and we got the confidence back in the lads. We haven't won anything yet, but I'm not going to sit here and water down what we've done; they have been absolutely outstanding."

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CATCH-UP Tonbridge Angels will have to play two games every week until March to make up for cancelled fixtures

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Sevenoaks head to the Lions' den

Deal & Betteshanger RFC v Sevenoaks RFC

KICK-OFF 2.15PM AT THE DRILL FIELD

SEVENOAKS face their second Kent derby in a week knowing they cannot afford a repeat of the sluggish start which cost them so dearly against Maidstone last weekend.

With their eyes fixed on securing second spot in London 2 South East, Oaks made the worst possible start to the new year at Knole Paddock as Maidstone raced into a 26-3 lead early in the second period.

Late tries from Alex Barber, Mike Walton and Matt Dodds were not enough to overhaul the deficit, although Sevenoaks could at least console themselves with a losing bonus point.

Chairman Lee Adamson said: "They looked as though they'd got the cobwebs out of their system more quickly than we did, they looked sharper and hungrier.

"You can't take anything away from Maidstone because rustiness is all part of it, but I'm sure this is just a blip because the guys haven't lost their ability or their cohesion as a team."

This weekend's trip east to face county rivals Deal & Betteshanger, the Lions, is likely to provide Oaks with a stern physical test as they look to claw back some ground on the division's leading sides.

Outside-centre Greg Cain is an injury doubt after limping out of the Maidstone defeat, while promising youngster Adam Field has resumed his studies at Cardiff University.

"It's always a tough game down there," Adamson said. "We went down there in the depths of winter last year and it was a very low-scoring game, we won 5-3.

"If the guys play as well as they can, there's no reason we shouldn't win again, but we'll need to improve a lot from Saturday and the players know that."

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COUNTY CLASH: Sevenoaks (in blue) against Deal & Betteshanger earlier this season

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